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Baghdad yields to allied threat of more strikes

BY MICHAEL EVANS AND JAMIE DETTMER

THE Iraqi foreign ministry last night agreed that United Nations inspectors should be allowed to land in Baghdad, less than an hour before the expiry of a coalition deadline backed by the threat of renewed air attacks.

However, Iraq made no comment on a demand for the dismantling of police posts on the border between Iraq and Kuwait, which was also subject to a 9pm deadline.

A news black-out had been imposed on the activities of the US Navy task force in the Gulf, led by the carrier USS *Kitty Hawk*, after reports that the Americans had been taking on fresh supplies of ordnance.

Only 45 minutes before the deadline was due to take effect the Iraqi foreign ministry in Baghdad announced that it had granted permission for UN flights to land in the Iraqi capital for three days, ending on Monday. However, Iraq added that the responsibility for the safety of the aircraft in flight rested with the coalition air forces which controlled the skies.

While the threat of conflict remained yesterday, it emerged that an American proposal to send bombers back to southern Iraq on Thursday had been rejected after opposition from Britain and France. The division between the Gulf war allies over the American plan occurred during a review of the raids on Wednesday, which produced only a 50 per cent success rate. Some senior American officials had been keen to return on Thursday night to ensure that all surface-to-air missile batteries were put out of action.

However, Britain and France said that a return to the same targets would be seen as a feeble response to President Saddam Hussein's posture of defiance. America's allies felt that the coalition should concentrate on preventing any repetition of the cross-border incursions by Iraqis into the demilitarised zone in northern Kuwait patrolled by UN observers.

During Operation Desert Storm, restriking targets that had been missed or only lightly damaged became a daily event. However, Wednesday's raid was only a small mission aimed at sending Saddam a political as well as military signal. The agreement not to return to the same targets became apparent when President Bush announced that Iraq had been ordered to let a UN inspection team land in Baghdad.

The first elements of an American infantry battalion also arrived in Kuwait yesterday to boost security on the border with Iraq. Diplomats from America, Britain, France and Russia met Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's UN ambassador, to warn him that the coalition might strike again if the deadline were ignored.

Speaking at the White House before leaving for his weekend retreat at Camp David, Mr Bush said: "The United Nations has made it clear to the Iraqis that the UN inspection teams are prepared to resume their work and have the right to fly UN aircraft into that country at any time." Asked if the West was ready to bomb Iraq again, he said: "I never say what we do or don't do. Sufficient warnings have been granted. They know what they must do. This is not just the United States. This is the United Nations. It's a strong coalition whose determination has not diminished in any single way."

In Washington, Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, insisted that although only half of the targets were hit by allied warplanes on Wednesday he was satisfied with the raid. However, appearing on television, the defence secretary was noticeably uneasy when questioned about whether a stray 2,000lb bomb inflicted heavy damage on apartments near the town of Basra. "It's always possible when you drop weapons like this that you can have collateral damage," he said.

According to *The Washington Post*, which cited American air force sources, the building was struck in a botched attempt by a US F15 Eagle to hit an anti-aircraft missile battery more than a mile away.

Mr Cheney said he could not confirm that the apartments had been bombed but he could not rule it out. His remarks yesterday were in sharp contrast to his comments in the wake of the raid when he dismissed abruptly Iraqi claims of damage to civilian neighbourhoods as the "same kind of gibberish we heard from Saddam Hussein during the war".

There were also discrepancies last night between American and British accounts of the performance of the four RAF Tornados which took part in Wednesday's attack. British defence sources claimed that the bombers had caused extensive damage to both their targets at the al-Amarah air base in southern Iraq. Pentagon officials said, however, that the British were also not entirely successful. Heavy cloud cover over southern Iraq, poor tactics and pilot error were blamed yesterday by some Pentagon officials for the disappointing military results.

British defence officials said there was never any likelihood of the allied raids achieving total success. "You can't expect 100 per cent success, this isn't an arcade game," one British official said.

The success rate of the US Navy bombers was reported to be as low as 30 per cent. Of the 110 aircraft, only 40 were used to bomb targets in a raid that lasted just 15 minutes. The rest of the jets provided an air umbrella for the planes that attacked the targets.

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Covering up: an American sailor wearing a mask for protection against the wind and cold on USS *Kitty Hawk*, on duty in the Gulf

Sicilian Mafia 'boss of bosses' held after 22 years on the run

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

IN A meticulous police operation that helped to restore the battered credibility of the Italian state, Salvatore "Toto" Riina, the head of the Sicilian Mafia, was arrested yesterday after 22 years on the run.

Riina, the feared leader of the Corleone family, offered no resistance when he was captured by five police officers while driving down a main Palermo street with his bodyguard. At first the "boss of bosses" tried to bluff his way out. "You have the wrong person," he said, flashing a false identity card.

Riina, 62, murdered his way to head the *cupola*, the ruling commission of Cosa Nostra, in the early 1980s after the arrest of Luciano Liggio, the previous reputed godfather of Sicily. In 1990 he was convicted in his absence on charges of murdering two rival underworld bosses, Stefano Bontade and Salvatore Inzerillo.

Investigators accuse him of having ordered the killings last year of Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, the two top anti-Mafia magistrates in Italy, and of having masterminded the assassination in 1982 of Carlo Alberto dalla Chiesa, a carabinieri general.

A police photograph issued yesterday showed Riina looking older and more heavy-set than the only file picture, 20 years old, available. But the "man of honour" evidently had not undergone plastic surgery, as was widely believed.

In Rome the cabinet burst into applause when Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, announced the arrest. Nicola Mancino, the interior minister, said: "This is an extraordinary coup."

As well as satisfaction at having "decapitated" the Mafia, at least for the time being, investigators are proud of having taken the ruthless crime boss alive, hoping he will be persuaded to co-operate and disclose to what extent Cosa Nostra is protected by politicians.

In Palermo, satisfaction among investigating magistrates was tempered by bitterness that the authorities had not acted before the murder of Falcone, his wife Giovanna, Borsellino, and their police bodyguards.

"Obviously it happened now because they decided to arrest him now," one magistrate said. It had long been alleged that the police knew Riina's whereabouts, but left him at large because he was protected by high-placed politicians.

Riina: feared leader of Corleone crime family

During his two decades as a fugitive, Riina was able to lead a normal life in many respects, marrying in church at a ceremony presided over by a priest and having his four children baptised. Last year he cocked a snook at authority when his lawyer disclosed that he had frequent meetings with his client, living tranquilly "at home" in Palermo.

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Tory MPs attack coal and rail plans

BY SHEILA GUNN AND JONATHAN PRYNN

THE main planks of the government's industrial policy for the coal and rail industries will come under fire next week from three Conservative-dominated committees of MPs.

On Thursday, the employment committee will attack the pit closure programme, although the main target for criticism will be British Coal rather than ministers. Worse for Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, are likely to be recommendations from the trade and industry committee on the future of the coal industry. Its report looks certain to call for at least 15 of the 31 threatened pits to be reprieved.

Richard Caborn, the chairman, handed his draft report to members yesterday. It insists that there is a larger market for coal, censures Mr Heseltine's announcement of the pits closures and demands a fresh energy policy.

The transport committee report will tell ministers that privatisation plans for British Rail will do more harm than good and put at risk the future of passenger and freight services.

The government's embarrassment will be increased by unanimity on the select committees, all with Tory majorities, that ministers have got it wrong. Mr Caborn is a Labour MP, but at least two Conservative members of the his committee confirmed yesterday that they support his arguments.

Mr Heseltine and John MacGregor, the transport secretary, have been told of the MPs' findings. The litany of criticism will add to pressure for a rethink of their policies.

In the past few days Mr Heseltine has discussed options for supporting the coal industry with John Major and EC officials. Special help is highly unlikely to be approved by the EC unless Britain switches its fuel subsidy from nuclear to coal. Mr Heseltine plans to publish his white paper next month after studying the two select committee reports and commissioned studies on the pit closures, British Coal management and the market for coal.

Mr MacGregor's decision to unveil legislation on Thursday for breaking up BR has forced the transport committee into rushing out an interim report, due on Wednesday, making clear its deep concern. It is understood to attack the way ministers handled negotiations on how to inject private expertise into the railways and the lack of information given to Parliament.

Committee sources indicated last night that some Tory MPs on the committee insisted on toning down the original report drafted by the Conservative chairman, Robert Adley. One MP said that the draft had had "a sneering, rubbishing tone".

Ministers are likely to try to play down the importance of the report, since Mr Adley is a railway buff and an outspoken critic of the rail white paper. But they will find it hard to shrug off the committee's failure to find any significant support for the government method for privatisation.

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UK scientist killed in volcano eruption

BY IAN MURRAY

A LEADING British scientist was among six people killed when a volcano in southern Colombia erupted as they were working along the inner rim of the crater. Professor Geoffrey Brown, 47, an expert vulcanologist, was leading a small group studying how to monitor gases on the peak of the 14,109ft Galeras volcano when it spewed out a huge column of glowing rocks, ash and steam nearly two miles high.

Luis Lemains, an Ecuadorean vulcanologist who was injured, said: "The ground suddenly began shaking and it began to rain burning rock and ashes."

According to reports by local journalists, screams could be heard coming from the crater after the eruption on Thursday afternoon. Television later showed three bodies on a ledge deep inside it.

Four Colombians and a Russian were listed as also missing and believed killed. All had been taking part in a UN-sponsored study of a dozen volcanoes around the world.

More than 100 scientists from 50 countries, including another British scientist, Dr Peter Baxter of Cambridge, were attending the conference at Pasto, 13 miles from the volcano, which is 375 miles southwest of Bogotá. Dr Baxter, an expert in the respiratory effects of volcano gases, did not join the party going to the crater. One Colombian scientist who died gave an interview only hours before saying he believed an eruption was imminent.

Professor Brown had taken the group to the crater to demonstrate equipment for microgravity monitoring of gases. A graduate of Manchester university, he joined the Open University in 1978 as a tutor on Earth sciences and since 1989 has been head of the research and science committee there. His wife, Dr Evelyn Brown, is a science tutor with the Open University unit in Nottingham. The couple have three grown-up daughters.

Inflation at lowest since 1986

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE headline rate of inflation fell to 2.6 per cent in December, the lowest level since August 1986, mainly because of lower mortgage rates. As further rate cuts are reflected in the retail prices index, headline inflation is expected to fall towards 2 per cent this month. It was 3 per cent in November.

There was, however, a small rise in the more important underlying rate of inflation, to 3.7 per cent from 3.6 per cent in November, and it is now nearing the top end of the government's 1 per cent to 4 per cent target range. Anthony Nelson, economic secretary to the Treasury, said the rise in the underlying rate was "very marginal" and predicted a further fall in headline inflation this month.

News of the fall in headline inflation prompted calls for lower interest rates. Peter Morgan, of the Institute of Directors, said that though business confidence was growing, recovery was still in the balance and lower rates were needed. Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, said there would not be a sustainable recovery until the government acted over jobs and industry.

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NatWest pay freeze raises union fears over incomes policy

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LEADERS of Britain's 250,000 bank workers fear that employers are taking advantage of the public sector pay ceiling to impose an incomes policy.

National Westminster, Britain's biggest bank, has written to its 72,000 staff warning of a year-long pay freeze from April 1, with only small increments for outstanding performance.

The freeze was imposed as the underlying rate of inflation took an upward turn yesterday, despite a drop of 0.4 percentage points in the retail prices index (RPI). The RPI fell to 2.6 per cent.The underlying inflation rate, which unlike RPI is not influenced by cheaper mortgage costs, rose from 3.6 per cent to 3.7 per cent in November, the first rise since last March.

Leif Mills, general secretary of the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, said: "We are now living with an incomes policy." He forecast that many employers would take their cue from the civil service ceiling of 1.5 per cent on pay increases. "We are going to see a lot of managements wanting to pay either zero increases or 1.5 per cent."

Leaders of Britain's 160,000 National Health Service white-collar workers said that they would reject Wednesday's offer of an across-the-board 1.5 per cent pay rise. The unions are believed to be seeking a rise of 5 or 6 per cent.

The rejection sets the scene for a spring of confrontation with the government over health service pay. During the next three weeks, union negotiators are due to begin pay talks on behalf of 170,000 ancillary workers, 45,000 professional and technical grades, 21,500 ambulance personnel and 500,000 nurses.

In the private sector, unions are increasingly concerned that employers will try to turn the government ceiling into a norm. According to latest figures from the Confederation of British Industry pay data bank, one manufacturer in three has imposed a pay freeze.

Figures last month suggested manufacuring awards had fallen on average to 3.1 per cent. Pay awards in service-sector firms for the quarter to November averaged 3.7 per cent.

The letter to NatWest staff blames the "difficult trading conditions brought about by the recession" for the decision to adopt a pay freeze for all staff. In the City the news, released only a few weeks before the bank's full-year profits are due, raised worries that it continues to face an exceptionally difficult future.

During the first half of last year, NatWest made a profit of £211 million after setting aside provisions for bad debts of £864 million. Union leaders say that their members are being forced to pay the price of imprudent lending by the banks during the late 1980s. They fear that the other leading banks will follow NatWest in declaring a pay freeze.

Alan Ainsworth, the union officer responsible for talks with NatWest, accused the bank of an "arrogant disregard" for the feelings of staff. He said that they were, in effect, being asked to accept pay cuts, yet the bank refused to offer job security in return. NatWest expects to shed 15,000 staff over the five years to 1995, and last year announced 1,500 compulsory redundancies because it had failed to find enough volunteers or shed enough jobs through natural wastage.

Some union leaders fear that employers will seek to use the recession to do away with collective bargaining and the annual pay round, refusing to return to them when economic conditions improve. At the same time, they say, employers are replacing full-time staff with part-timers.

Mills: fears more firms will seek pay freezes

Redwood dismisses Tory councils' job loss fears

BY RACHEL KELLY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

A CLAIM that at least 33,000 local government jobs will be lost in the next 15 months was dismissed yesterday by government ministers but endorsed by Conservative councils, which fear the toll may be even greater.

John Redwood, local government minister, dismissed the findings of a survey by the *Local Government Chronicle* as "a vague estimate". He said it was too early to give a precise figure because councils had not yet fixed their budgets.

Councils were at the point in their budget cycle when they tended to exaggerate cuts, Mr Redwood claimed, and any reduction in local government staffing would be because of natural wastage rather than compulsory redundancies.

Conservative councils said that Mr Redwood seemed not to have understood the findings of the survey, which predicted the reduction in the number of full-time posts that were filled. Mike Grearly, of the Conservative-controlled Association of County Councils, said: "This is a reduction in the number of posts in council establishments. It has nothing to do with levels of turnover or natural wastage."

Mr Grearly said that although it was too early for a precise estimate of job cuts, because councils would not complete their budgets until March, the survey may have underplayed the number of losses. "The survey doesn't include some councils that have not yet made estimates about reductions in staffing levels, it doesn't include part-timers, and it doesn't include teachers."

The survey estimates that 3,497 teaching jobs will be lost on top of the 33,000 other jobs. "We have cried wolf in the past and the predicted reductions haven't happened. But this time, because of the unprecedented severity of the capping criteria, tens of thousands of jobs will be lost," Mr Grearly said.

Geoffrey Filkin, of the Tory-controlled Association of District Councils, said the estimate of job cuts in the *Local Government Chronicle* was on the cautious side. "There is a need for central government to have a better understanding of the true financial effects of their practice."

Mr Redwood said the government would look at the cases put by councils for changes in notional budgets and changes would be made. But there was unlikely to be an increase in the central government grant to councils.

First hand: the British grandmaster Nigel Short reflecting on his opening move of the fourth round chess match against the Dutch champion Jan Timman yesterday in their world championship eliminator in San Lorenzo in Spain. Short started aggressively, sacrificing material to put the Dutchman's position under heavy pressure. A win for Short will put him in the lead in the $200,000 match. After 32 moves both players were racing to beat the clock to avoid losing on time forfeit. Short feels confident about his chances but is nervous at the prospect of becoming a millionaire if he reaches the challenge against Kasparov, which victory in this match would bring.

UDA gunmen admit Belfast murder

The outlawed Ulster Defence Association said yesterday it killed a 40-year-old Roman Catholic man who was shot dead in Belfast on Thursday night (Edward Gorman writes). Anthony Gerard Butler died when two masked gunmen wearing boiler suits broke into a house in Agra Street in the south of the city, singled him out and shot him in the head. It emerged yesterday that Mr Butler served an eight-year prison sentence for terrorist offences in the 1970s and gave evidence earlier this week at an inquest into the death of a known Belfast drugs dealer.

Mr Butler's death followed an attempted murder in east Belfast by the republican splinter group the Irish National Liberation Army several hours earlier. The intended victim, John "Bunter" Graham, a prominent Loyalist who has survived three previous republican murder attempts, was hit by a number of shots fired through the living room window of his home. He was in a critical but stable condition in hospital last night.

Navy men cleared

Two Royal Navy physical training instructors have been cleared of misconduct after allegations that they had sex with two Wrens in a whirlpool bath at a naval base. Petty Officers Stephen Brittain, 34, and Vincent Hall, 33, were found not guilty of five charges after no further evidence was offered against them. After an adjournment on the fourth day of a court martial at HMS *Drake* in Plymouth, Devon, Lieutenant Commander Alan Large, for the prosecution, said that he had reviewed evidence given by witnesses, which contained a considerable number of inconsistencies. Petty Officer Brittain faces two further charges involving a third Wren. They will be dealt with at a new hearing.

Gales wreak havoc

A father and his son died in Cumbria yesterday morning when severe gales blew a lorry on to their car. Gales and heavy rain battered many parts, blocking roads with floods, fallen trees and overturned lorries. Weathermen said there may be local flooding over the weekend as high temperatures melt snow. Winds reached 60mph over much of Scotland and northern England. Passengers were stranded when gales blew down overhead cables on the East Coast main railway line, and in the Lake District, hundreds of homes were left without electricity when gales brought trees down on power lines.

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Killer driver jailed

A self-employed chartered accountant who killed a scientist in a hit-and-run accident was yesterday jailed for two years and banned from driving for five years by Aylesbury Crown Court. William Bates, 52, from Brackley, Northamptonshire, was convicted of causing 33-year-old Michael Lunn's death by reckless driving when he ran him down as he cycled home to Towcester. Bates then drove eight miles with a smashed windscreen, dumped his car, took a taxi to a pub and took a second taxi home after two pints of lager, telling the driver his own car had been stolen. Mr Lunn's widow Christine said she was disgusted at the sentence.

Haggis in hot water

Scotland's tartan-and-haggis image is harming its economy, a Scottish Arts Council report said yesterday. Arts-related tourism was worth £40 million a year to Scotland, but that could double if promotion of Scottish culture could be broadened. The potential was shown by the "extraordinary impact" of Glasgow's year-long tenure as 1990 European city of culture, which boosted tourist visits to artistic events by 68 per cent. The reports said there was much room for improvement. The arts council was preparing a strategy for "arts tourism".

Audit of democracy launched

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

AN AUDIT of the state of democracy and political freedom in Britain is to be undertaken over the next year by a group of political scientists, lawyers and supporters of constitutional reform.

The aim of the "Democratic Audit" is to produce a checklist based on 30 questions, which will be presented in tables comparing practice in Britain with other countries like tables in the consumer magazine *Which?* The first of a series of reports will be published next year.

The audit is a project of the Human Rights Centre at Essex University and Charter 88, the constitutional reform body. It is financially sponsored by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust. Most of those involved in the audit are on the centre/left politically.

Professor David Beetham of Leeds University suggested at yesterday's launch news conference that the core principles of securing popular control over decisions and of political equality should be widely acceptable. He said there would not be a single index but several — covering elections; the accountability of the government and the EC; the democratic balance between Whitehall and the nations, regions and localities of Britain; the position of ordinary citizens in exercising political rights and civil liberties; and the degree of popular participation in decisions.

The audit will examine parliamentary sovereignty, access to official information, the constitutional role of the monarchy and relations with the EC.

Calcutt report

Rothermere accuses royals of endangering press freedom

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

VISCOUNT Rothermere, publisher of the *Daily Mail*, today enters the dispute over the Calcutt report's demand for statutory controls on the press by describing the proposals as "a ready-made tool for any potential dictator".

In a letter to *The Times*, Lord Rothermere said that he regarded alleged attempts by the Prince and Princess of Wales to use newspapers to present their own cases of their marriage problems as "extremely dangerous" for the monarchy, newspapers and the Press Complaints Commission.

"It is a sad state indeed that now our precious freedom could be put in jeopardy by a blinkered lawyer, two sad, lost aristocrats, politicians who have been most fairly and others most unfairly attacked by the press, and the advent of a proletarian press which ... has not yet been understood apparently by the academic classes." However, last night Lord Rothermere said he could not remember a case of a politician being unfairly attacked by his newspapers.

He praised the prime minister, who has made clear he opposes statutory controls.

As the row over Calcutt and press coverage of the royal family rumbles on, ministers have said they will oppose a bill by the Labour MP Clive Soley for giving "victims" a statutory right of reply and setting up an independent press authority. Government sources also disclosed that new laws, recommended by Calcutt and accepted by ministers, to outlaw physical intrusion and surveillance will not be passed before mid-1994.

The government will not finally decide its formal response to the Calcutt report until it receives the Commons heritage committee's report on privacy and press intrusions.

Labour MP Joe Ashton, a member of the committee, which is focusing on press treatment of private individuals, said yesterday that he favoured a statutory body, empowered to award compensation to "victims" of incorrect stories or press harassment. He told BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme: "All they have is a highway code of conduct. It is rather like going through a red light, knocking somebody down and then saying you are sorry and getting away with it. There is no compensation."

Kelvin MacKenzie, editor of *The Sun*, said the Calcutt recommendations would make the British press the most tightly controlled in the world outside China and Cuba.

Rothermere: praise for the prime minister

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Brooke urged to explain reforms

BY NICHOLAS WATT

THE Press Complaints Commission needs more time to assert its authority and should introduce only minor reforms, members said yesterday.

Reacting to the Calcutt report, which attacked the commission's failure to curb the excesses of the press, editors on the PCC said they had had a raw deal. They also challenged Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, to spell out reforms to the commission he would like to see introduced.

Peter Preston, editor of *The Guardian* and a member of the commission, said: "If the government wants something else it must say what it wants. Sir David Calcutt undermined the PCC because it was not what he wanted in his original report. It is impossible for the press to respond to this until the government makes up its mind whether or not it wants more lay members."

The commission, funded by the newspaper industry, has ten press and five lay members. Patsy Chapman, editor of the *News of the World*, who is a member, said she would welcome more lay members. "There should be people who read newspapers avidly rather than people who make complaints after hearing something from a friend," she said.

Clive Soley, the Labour MP whose press bill is due for a second reading soon, said the PCC should be replaced by a body free from the press. "My bill would set up an independent authority, to be chosen by the home secretary, that would adjudicate on inaccuracies."

Geoffrey Robertson QC, who chaired the enquiry into the Press Council, was scathing about the PCC. "The commission is a PR exercise paid for by the press. Calcutt exposes it as a confidence trick."

Smith says tax rise is madness

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

JOHN Smith, the Labour leader, urged the government yesterday to reject the "economic madness" of raising taxes in the March budget.

Speaking in Paris at a conference on social democracy, Mr Smith said that a net increase in taxes would be a "massive betrayal" by the prime minister, "who as recently as the British general election last April talked of making cuts 'year on year'."

The government was under pressure from some quarters of the Conservative party to reduce the fiscal deficit through an extension of VAT or freezes in personal tax allowances, he said. A number of senior party figures, including Lord Howe of Aberavon, the former Chancellor, Lord Ridley of Liddesdale and Kenneth Baker, both former cabinet ministers, have recently argued for tax increases to curb the projected £44 billion public deficit.

"It is, I believe, economic madness to contemplate net increases in taxation on ordinary taxpayers at the very moment the British economy is struggling to revive and millions of families are still struggling to make ends meet," Mr Smith said.

He warned that the European Community was in danger of making the same mistake by curbing government deficits "at a time when the European economy is poised on the verge of recession". The Maastricht treaty commits member states to a fiscal deficit target of 3 per cent by 1996. This would have the effect of reducing the combined output of the EC by more than 2 per cent, Mr Smith said. "This is obviously absurd and simply not feasible for a majority of member states."

Deficit-funded capital investment should be left out of the 3 per cent rule and full account taken of unemployment trends in each member state, he said.

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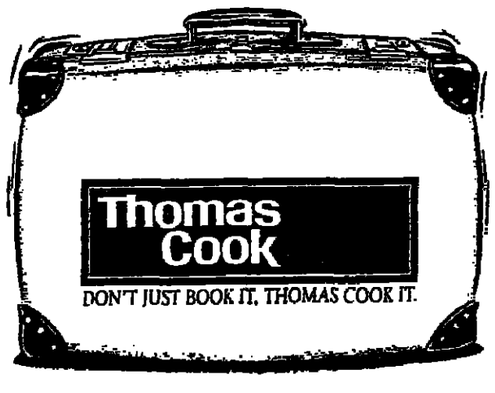

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Police believe parole plan for killer breaks life sentences pledge

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to release the murderer of a policeman after 20 years in prison provoked anger yesterday from police leaders. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, was urged to keep Anthony Jeffs in jail and make life sentences mean life-long imprisonment for killers of police officers.

Jeffs, 42, was sentenced in 1972 to two life sentences for shooting PC Peter Guthrie, 21, at point-blank range and wounding Sgt Gordon Meredith when they answered an alarm call from a Coventry gun shop. The trial at Birmingham Crown Court heard that Jeffs had a tattoo saying "All Coppers Are Bastards" and loathed all officers. He was recommended by Mr Justice Ashworth to serve at least 20 years.

Jeffs would be the first person who had killed a police officer to be freed since the abolition of the death penalty in 1965. Last year John Witney, one of three men sentenced for the murder of three London policemen in Shepherd's Bush in 1966, was released on licence. Witney did not fire any of the fatal shots but was recommended to serve a minimum of 30 years.

Yesterday the Home Office said it had been accepted policy since the mid-1980s for police murderers to serve a minimum of 20 years. Leon Brittain announced the policy when he was home secretary and it was repeated by David Waddington as home secretary in 1990. Jeffs would be released on licence and could be returned to prison for breaches of the licence.

But Alan Eastwood, chairmen of the Police Federation, which represents junior ranks, said the decision to free Jeffs broke an assurance that life would mean life, which it believed was given by the Home Office after Witney was freed.

The interests of the police and public had been ignored, he said. "Officers will react bitterly towards this proposed release. When a person is convicted of wilful murder of a police officer on duty then the *mandatory* life sentence should mean life." He has written to Mr Clarke and believes he will be studying reports on the case.

Mr Meredith, who was awarded the George Medal, was outraged at the decision. He said Jeffs did not express any remorse for the shootings after his arrest.

The decision to free Jeffs was disclosed when Mr Meredith and PC Guthrie's widow were told he would be moved to a probation hostel in Bristol in preparation for his release. Anna Marie Guthrie was 17 at the time of her husband's death. She joined the police, remarried and is now a chief inspector with the Warwickshire force. She would not comment but Mr Eastwood said he understood she was very angry about the decision and the prospect that the police might one day have to deal with Jeffs again.

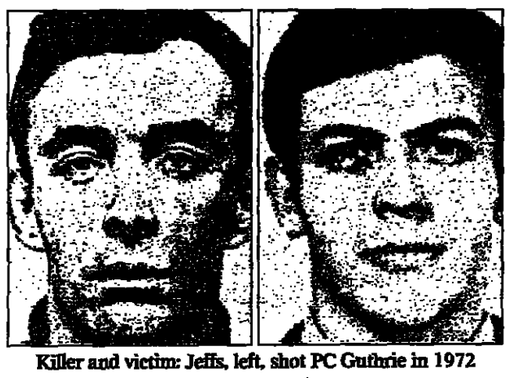
At his trial the court was told that Jeffs had boasted of "getting" a policeman. He was obsessed with guns and when other police gave chase after the two officers were shot, Jeffs confronted them with a bayonet.

Twenty-five men convicted since 1965 of murdering a police officer are still in prison. They include Harry Roberts, 55, the accomplice of Witney who actually shot the three policemen in Shepherd's Bush. He was sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment but has been eligible for parole since 1991. When Witney was released the Police Federation was told by Kenneth Baker, then home secretary, that Roberts would be treated in accordance with the judge's recommendation.

Frederick Sewell was jailed for 30 years after killing Supt Gerald Richardson in Blackpool in 1971. Now 58, he became eligible for parole last year.

Recently Nicholas Vernage, 27, was jailed for at least 25 years for stabbing Sgt Alan King, an officer in London, attempting to murder two other officers and killing two burglary victims. He was on parole at the time.

Fifty-one officers have been killed on duty since 1965. Last year the Police Federation debated whether to abandon its long-standing policy of arguing for the return of capital punishment for murder of police officers, and decided overwhelmingly to retain the policy.



Killer and victim: Jeffs, left, shot PC Guthrie in 1972

Cut-price heroes: the *Thunderbirds* rescuers and, below, the *Blue Peter* homemade Tracy Island

Blue Peter flies to Thunderbird rescue

BY JOE JOSEPH

IN A television triumph that may bring the BBC more glory than all John Birt's plans, *Blue Peter* has been swamped with requests for the plans to a model of Tracy Island, the palm-fringed base featured in *Thunderbirds*.

Fraught parents, who failed to secure a £32.99 plastic Matchbox Toys version at Christmas, joined their children in sending more than 80,000 requests for factsheets on how to build their own. The programme showed how to make the island out of yoghurt pots and pipe cleaners a week ago. Only *Newsnight*'s Peter Snow has fired more interest in the BBC's model skills.

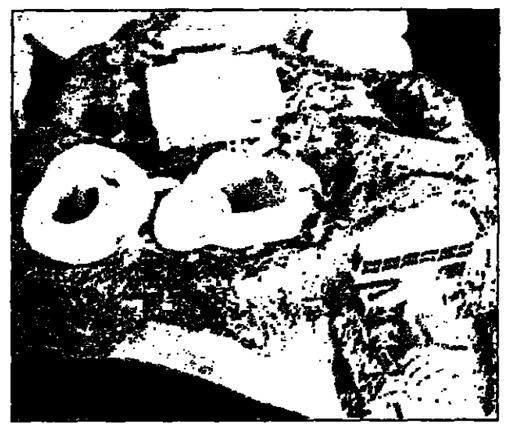
Having heard that many parents were unable to get hold of the real thing, even after queuing for hours at toy shops and offering to pay black market prices that would make cocaine dealers blush, Mike Gardner, BBC children's publicity officer, tackled the task of recreating Tracy Island.

"About three or four years ago, we made a Teenage Mutant Hero Turtle sewer which was very popular," the BBC's Brains said. "Having young kids of my own, and knowing lots of other parents, I thought Tracy Island would be just perfect for *Blue Peter*. It looks very authentic, but it's made of old newspaper, pipe cleaners, yoghurt pots, cereal packets and bits of sponge."

Margaret Parnell, *Blue Peter*'s model expert, who has been building space capsules and submarines out of lavatory roll tubes, washing-up liquid bottles, and sticky-backed plastic since the 1960s, was lured out of retirement to design the model.

Anthea Turner, the presenter, spent a day practising before building the toy on screen. Lewis Bronze, *Blue Peter*'s editor, said: "You normally get a couple of thousand requests for factsheets, maybe 5,000 if a model is particularly popular, and that's what we were expecting.

"The response was incredible. We're looking at an average of 1,400 letters a sack, and we've got 60 sacks."



Miners ready to bid for Betws pit

BY KATE ALDERSON

MINERS at Betws colliery, Dyfed, yesterday demonstrated their faith in the future of coal by offering to buy the pit if the government failed to grant a reprieve. Management is also planning a buyout.

The miners, who worked their last shift yesterday, are competing with four private companies to buy the pit, which British Coal has deemed "commercially unviable".

Mike Reynolds, Betws lodge secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, said: "I think we have seriously embarrassed British Coal because private sector interests are queuing up to buy the colliery. Our own pit management team are even considering a buy-out."

A management spokesman from Betws confirmed yesterday that they were considering a buy-out but did not wish to discuss their plans as the issue was "one of great sensitivity". Betws is still technically working, despite the fact that only minimal maintenance is now being carried out, and bids will not be considered until the review process has been completed.

Both the NUM and the pit management would prefer the pit to stay within British Coal rather than be sold to a private business. Miners claim that they have figures which show the pit was heading for a £1 million profit this year, but British Coal say this is because no money has been spent on development during this period.

Miners fear that any lack of maintenance would jeopardise the viability of the pit. However, a spokesman from the British Association of Colliery Management said that problems of deterioration associated with deep-shaft mines, such as collapsing faces, flooding and rusting machinery, were not applicable to Betws, a shallower drift mine.

MPs' criticism, page 1

Legal aid sought to sue tobacco firms

BY NICK NUTTALL AND NIGEL HAWKES

LAWYERS representing several hundred people who claim they have been damaged by smoking cigarettes yesterday attempted to secure backing from a legal aid board to take their cases against the tobacco companies to court.

The clients, most of them former or current smokers, are seeking financial assistance to sue alleging tobacco products have caused ill health. Some are also claiming they are victims of passive smoking and are believed to be seeking legal aid to sue employers.

Legal aid has, in the past, been granted to non-smoking individuals seeking compensation from employers allowing smoking at work. However, these have failed to reach the courts amid claims that the cases have been too complicated to succeed.

The lawyers, who were meeting in Newcastle, presented their case to a regional legal aid appeals committee after the board last year refused to grant aid. A decision by the committee of independent solicitors and barristers is expected in the next few weeks.

News of the meeting comes as a man in Scotland who is dying from lung cancer was been awarded legal aid on Thursday to bring a case against two tobacco companies in the Court of Sessions.

John Dean, a man in his 30s from Northern Ireland, was granted aid more than four years ago by a regional board. Mr Dean, who suffers from a circulation disorder called Buerger's disease that leads to 2,000 leg amputations annually in Britain, claims that a tobacco company was negligent in not warning him at the age of 10 of the dangers of smoking. The case is still being prepared. Mark Flannagan, of Action on Smoking and Health, said that the law in Scotland was different to England and Wales. However, he believed this week's Scottish ruling could provide the trigger needed to win backing for the several hundred cases south of the border.

He said, however, that the first test case, involving a smoker suing a tobacco company over product liability, could take up to a decade to get to court. Mr Flannagan said it was more likely that a test case on passive smoking could be in the courts sooner with or without legal aid.

"In a passive smoking case it is an employer against an employee. In a product liability case you are dealing with a multi-million pound industry," he said.

The tobacco industry is unlikely to remain on the sidelines when such a case comes forward.

An exhibition at the Science Museum in London which opens this week is based on scientific evidence which shows "overwhelming indications of the health costs of passive smoking". Professor John Durant, an assistant director of the museum, said.

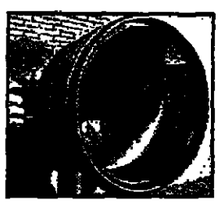
However, Peter Lee, a consultant statistician who has contracts with the tobacco industry and who has written a book on passive smoking, says the museum is wrong. "I don't think there is a proven case" he said.

Christopher Bullock, of the Tobacco Advisory Council, the industry's trade association, said: "We would be very dismayed if the museum produced an exhibition that suggested the evidence pointed to a health connection."

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Privacy and the press

Why is Sir David Calcutt QC so determined to put the press on a leash? What did Lord McGregor tell the palace? Why would ministers like to use the gag – but shrink



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A Focus special – in The Sunday Times tomorrow

Friends of prince deny summit claims

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Prince of Wales flew from Scotland to Sandringham yesterday to spend the weekend with the Queen. The prince had spent several days at Balmoral, as he does every January, away from the heat generated by publicity surrounding the so-called "Camillagate" tapes.

Members of the prince's staff dismissed as pure fabrication reports in some newspapers yesterday that he was holding a summit meeting of close friends at the Queen's Aberdeenshire home to decide how to ride the storm of the intimate taped telephone conversation, claimed to be between the prince and Camilla Parker Bowles. None of the prince's arrangements had changed as a result of the disclosures of the last few days, friends said.

Although the prince's visit to Sandringham is said to be routine, and planned long in advance to coincide with official engagements in Norfolk next week, the embarrassment of the telephone tapes is unlikely to pass without some comment during a family weekend. It is clear, however, that the prince has no intention of entering the public debate, and hopes that by distance and silence he will in time douse the fires of a nine-day wonder. Time, his advisers believe, is on his side; he still has many years in which to prove his worth as the next monarch.

There is also a feeling among the prince's friends and advisers that there is nothing constructive that can be said, and that comment of any kind will merely exacerbate an already difficult situation. Buckingham Palace continues to decline any comment on the tapes, and will voice no opinion on whether or not they are genuine.

Staff working for the prince's "family" of leading charities, including the Prince's Trust and Business in the Community, are likely to redouble their efforts in coming months to raise the profile of a committed, caring prince, in the hope of emphasising his positive side. Although it was planned long before the current scandal erupted, the Prince's Trust is hoping to create a favourable image next month when the charity's work with young people descends on Moscow.

The prince will not attend the series of seminars and lectures in the Russian capital; he will be otherwise engaged on a state visit to Mexico, unaccompanied by his estranged wife.

Nurses trap thief with X-ray

NURSES confirmed their suspicions that a casualty patient was stealing when they took an X-ray photograph of his pockets. It revealed jewellery stolen from their handbags.

The man, who was admitted to casualty at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, with a suspected broken arm, entered the nurses' staff room while waiting for treatment and rifled through their bags before returning to the waiting room.

Nurses became suspicious when he refused to take off his jacket for an X-ray. Staff directed the machine at his pockets and police were called when a nurse recognised the shape of her cigarette lighter.

Detective Inspector Terry Hapgood said: "Nurses X-rayed the man's suspected fracture, then checked out his pockets. He had quite a haul of personal jewellery and it all showed up on the plates. The nurses searched him and he did not even know it."

The man was being questioned by police yesterday after treatment for a badly bruised arm.

MOUNT OLYMPUS

Archaeological Discoveries in the Foothills of the Sacred Mountain

It was 3,500 years ago that the Greeks created the world of their gods, which they patterned on the social and political system of the Mycenaean period. Just as Agamemnon's palace stood on a mountain peak in the Peloponnese, so they envisaged the palace of Zeus, father of the gods, on the summit of Mount Olympus: Olympus, the loftiest mountain in Greece, towering over the Aegean Sea. The lower peaks and the ravines were allocated to the rest of the pantheon. The gods of Olympus lived on until the fourth century AD, when a dynamic and determined new religion, Christianity, ensured the closure of the pagan sanctuaries and the suppression of the ancient cult.

Olympian Zeus had sanctuaries in many Greek cities, the most famous being in the Peloponnese, where the Olympic games were held. It was at one of these, in the foothills of Mount Olympus, that Alexander the Great assembled his troops, held a splendid festival, made a sacrifice to the father of the gods, and set off for Asia, where he was to confront the Greeks' great adversary, the Persian Empire. Alexander made his sacrifice at Dion, which means "holy place" (from the same root come the Latin divus and our own word "divine"); it was the sacred centre of the ancient Macedonians, the Greeks of the North. The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is conducting archaeological excavations on this site and uncovering temples, statues of the gods, and people's homes.

The terrible earthquakes of the fifth and sixth centuries AD reduced the sacred city's buildings to heaps of rubble. The desperate inhabitants struggled to repair the ruined structures and bring the mutilated city back to life; but in vain. Nature in all its fury gradually reasserted itself: Dion disappeared beneath its own ruins, and a succession of floods submerged the splendid monuments under a thick layer of mud. The level of the sea subsequently rose and with it the water table at Dion, where many of Olympus' underground watercourses came to the surface and inundated the area with hundreds of springs. The archaeologists who have been digging there in the water and mud in recent years have been astonished to behold statues still upright on their bases after 2,000 years, heads of divine sculptures restored to the light after centuries of black oblivion, and hundreds of inscriptions engraved in beautiful Greek lettering on marble plaques, telling of public affairs, Macedonian kings, and the private lives of ordinary people.

The oldest and greatest of Greek poets, Homer, sings of this slope. It was here that the gods ascended and descended their mountain. From here men went to Asia Minor to take part in the Trojan War. From Olympus' lofty peaks the sea and the Greek islands could be descried. Around 700 BC, Hesiod (fr. 7.2) wrote of two sons of Zeus, Magnes and Macedon, who ruled the region around Olympus. Magnes was the founder of the Magnesians of Central Greece, his brother the first ancestor of the Macedonians of Northern Greece. Archaeological finds from Homer and Hesiod's time in the foothills of Olympus reveal the close affinity between Northern and Southern Greece and prove that the ancient Greek myths were quite simply a rather special form of historiography. Even more sensational is the discovery of sculptures, inscriptions, coins, and the remains of animal sacrifices on one of the peaks of Olympus, Ayios Antonios. The inscriptions mention a sanctuary of Olympian Zeus at which, as ancient writers have already told us, a sacrifice was made by a sacred procession, which set off each year from Dion and climbed the mountain to the palace of the father of the gods. At this point myth and reality become one.

The archaeological finds at Dion shed abundant light on part of Greek history, the chapter concerning the genesis, the heyday, and the continuation of the kingdom of the Macedonians in its own sacred spot at the foot of Mount Olympus.

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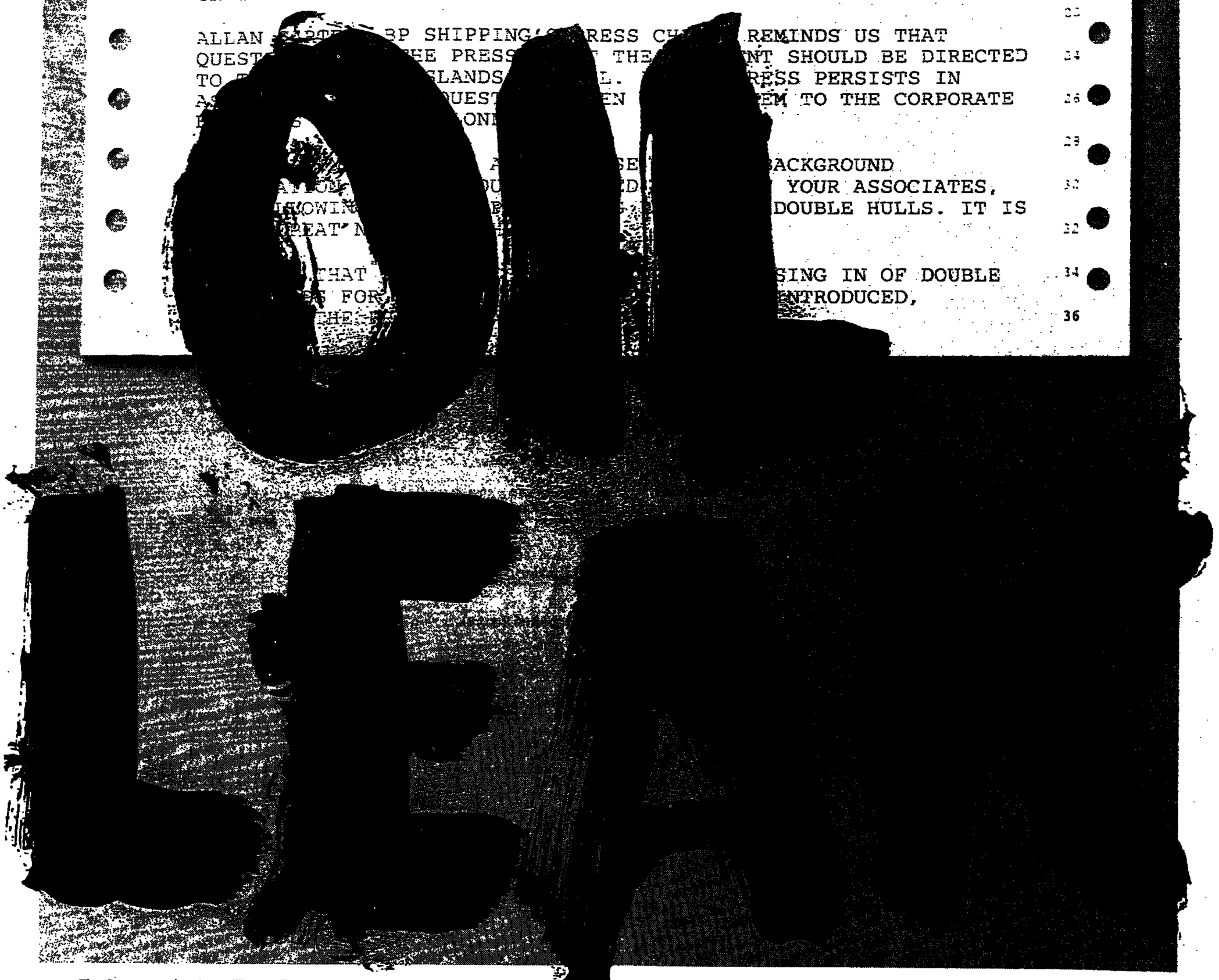

The Braer, carrying 26 million gallons of crude oil, has created the biggest oil disaster in British waters ever. The 5th largest in the world.

But where was Britain's biggest oil company? A confidential internal memo leaked to Greenpeace advises top BP executives: "We must keep our heads down on this one."

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BP, like Greenpeace, is helping with the response to the disaster, but their secret memo goes on to say that BP does not want "to become involved in a debate about tanker safety etc., arising from the tanker disaster off the Shetlands."

We find this particularly irresponsible at a time when oil companies are putting at risk many other beautiful wildlife habitats by preparing to explore for even more oil in places like the Moray Firth, the west coast of Wales, the Bristol Channel and the north Norfolk coast.

If you too would like oil companies to face up to their responsibilities and if you think Britain's biggest oil company should join in the discussion about this disaster, please telephone BP's chairman Lord Ashburton on 071 496 4000 on Monday.

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Aftermath of the oil spill: islanders plan petition as first rescued birds return to the wild

Shetlanders demand tanker exclusion zone

BY RAY CLANCY

THE world's television crews have departed. Most of the 600 journalists have gone. The temporary newsroom at Sumburgh airport has reverted to its original use, a cafeteria. The roads are gloriously free of taxis and hire cars. Sparkling blue seas are topped again by white breakers. Even the captain of the salvage boat is heading back to Rotterdam.

The emergency is officially over and the Shetland Islands have returned to normal, almost. The tanker and the media coverage that accompanied it have left anger and frustration in their wake. Today, the islanders are holding a public meeting and they plan to organise a petition to express their anger at what has happened. Most of the adult population is expected to sign the petition, which will be presented to John Major.

The petition demands that the government immediately underwrites the costs facing the islanders and the council, that strict tanker exclusion zones be established straight away and that all tanker movements be monitored. Isobel Mitchell, of Nebister, said: "The government has a moral and political duty to do all it can for Shetland. We have run the risk of this disaster for so long."

One of the main criticisms emerging yesterday was that local people had to rely on the media for information about the oil spill. Derek Cox, director of public health at Shetland Islands Council, admitted that the helpline set up to answer questions about the risk was not well publicised, nor was the centre established to carry out health tests.

Islanders fear that the council is continuing to play down the health implications of the dispersants that were sprayed after the accident. Craig Redfern, who was helping to remove sheep from the cliff near the wreck four days after the *Braer* ran aground, said no attempt was made to warn people. He suffered red blotches on his face and a sore throat afterwards.

John Johnston, who lives on Quendale Bay, the worst affected beach, went to his GP after feeling sick. "He tested my lungs and found them not as efficient as they should be for a man of my age and fitness," Mr Johnston said. He is awaiting further tests to see if his condition was caused by pollution.

The first signs that the oil has reached the seabed have been found. Divers have reported large numbers of dead molluscs and crustaceans. Marine biologists are concerned because such creatures form an important part of the food chain.

☐ "Ramshackle" tankers are threatening the environment, Martin Bangemann, the European Community commissioner responsible for shipping policy, said yesterday. A special meeting of EC environment and transport ministers will be held on January 25 to discuss shipping safety.

CIARAN DONNELLY

Safe haven: three eider ducks, the first to be rescued and cleaned after being contaminated with oil from the *Braer*, were returned to the wild yesterday near Inverkeithing, Fife (John Young writes). Since January 5, when the tanker carrying 84,500 tonnes of crude oil ran aground on Shetland, about 200 seabirds have been rescued from the area and taken to Middlebank cleaning centre, operated by the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The birds include long tail ducks, shags, guillemots, great northern divers, kittiwakes, little auks and herring gulls. The Scottish society said yesterday that the release demonstrated the inaccuracy of the "no hope" message initially sent by some observers on Shetland. As each bird is released, it is ringed to allow its progress to be monitored. The RSPCA, which has joined the project, said that about 85 per cent of the rescued birds appeared to be recovering well. The exception was the shags, which had lung infestation.

Baby cruelty case abandoned after parents stay silent

■ The collapse of a case against the parents of a girl who died aged seven weeks has led to demands for a change in the law

BY IAN MURRAY

THE law must be changed to ensure that parents responsible for the death of their children can be prosecuted, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said yesterday.

The charity also called for urgent government action to plug what it said was a legal loophole after charges of cruelty against the parents of a seven-week-old girl who died from a fractured skull were dropped by the Crown Prosecution Service at a committal hearing at Thames Magistrates' Court in east London on Wednesday.

The NSPCC said that the case was only the latest in a series where the prosecution failed because the parents denied all knowledge of how the child died or retained their right to silence so that the police could obtain no evidence. The charity said children were being put at risk because the law was powerless to punish in such cases.

The baby, Kim Griffin, died in intensive care three days after she was taken there by ambulance from her home on the Isle of Dogs, east London. An inquest last month was told that she had died from a 6in fracture of the skull. Other injuries included a shattered rib cage, a broken arm and collar bone and a scalded foot.

The inquest was adjourned without a verdict because the police had charged her parents, Anne Griffin, 35, and George Hadjounou, 41. They were accused of murder but the charge was later reduced to cruelty and neglect. When they came before Thames magistrates on Wednesday, the Crown Prosecution Service dropped all charges.

A CPS spokeswoman said: "We have to review the evidence carefully before letting a prosecution go ahead. We sought independent advice in this case from counsel and asked for extra evidence. It was not an easy decision but we decided there was insufficient evidence to continue."

The police said yesterday that they had completed their enquiries and would not be seeking to charge anyone else.

At present, a murder charge cannot be brought unless it can be proved which of the parents caused the fatal injury. Cruelty charges are valid only if there is clear evidence that the child was neglected. In this case, the couple had called the ambulance and there was no medical evidence to show neglect. As they refused to make any statement about what happened, there was no evidence for the court to consider.

Christopher Cloke, of the NSPCC, said: "While we do not want any changes in the law which would undermine the rights of a defendant, it cannot be in the interests of justice that a child can die in this way and no one is punished or even tried. Nor can that be in the interests of surviving or future children."

In a submission to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, the charity has suggested the threshold of evidence could be lowered in such cases or a judge could direct a jury that it was suspicious to refuse to give evidence.

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Alderney tale fuels suspicion

BY JOHN YOUNG

A GROWING suspicion that the full story of events on Alderney during wartime Nazi occupation is being withheld was fuelled yesterday by a Polish-born architect who was interned on the island.

Ted Misiewicz, who now lives in London, said that in 1942, when he was 16, he was sent to the island's Sylt camp where inmates were shot, tortured, beaten or worked to death. His story appears to back claims that thousands, rather than the 400 or so claimed in official estimates, died in the camps set up by the Nazis.

Mr Misiewicz told Radio 4's *Today* programme that at least 12 people from one forced labour squad died after working non-stop on concrete fortifications for two days and nights in driving wind and rain.

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Ordination of women priests

Bishops' compromise splits traditionalists

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A THREE-WAY split among traditionalists in the Church of England emerged yesterday over the ordination of women priests.

Anglo-Catholics and evangelicals are divided in their response to the plan to appoint three "provincial visitors", drawn up this week by church leaders.

The Bishop of London, Dr David Hope, who has emerged as the leader of the Anglo-Catholic wing, said that some saw the plan as operating within an unchanged Church of England. Others saw it as setting up a "church within a church". A third group would still "rather be talking to Rome".

Dr Hope made a powerful plea for the church to concentrate on its primary role of mission in the present Decade of Evangelism.

Referring to the large numbers of church members confused by the seemingly endless arguments, he said: "People do not know quite where they are. There is a lot of confusion and no real sense of direction. At the end of the day, what is the purpose of the Church of England? It is for the conversion of England."

He predicted that the legislation to ordain women priests could progress quickly through Parliament, with a possibility of the first woman priest being ordained by Christmas.

Dr Hope has not yet decided whether to make London a "no-go area" for women priests, under the declarations he is entitled to make by Part Two of the *Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure*, passed by the General Synod last November.

He said that the plan for provincial visitors, agreed by a meeting of the General Synod's house of bishops in Manchester, was the beginning of a process and not the final solution.

Legislation or synodical action will almost certainly be needed to satisfy the thousands of clergy and laity who want an assured succession of bishops who do not ordain women to the priesthood or recognise them as priests.

Speaking at his home in Barton Street, Westminster, Dr Hope said: "I hope that now the individuals and groups opposed will really give a bit of time to thinking through their reaction to what are the very bare bones of a framework."

Traditionalists who wish to remain in the Church of England but who oppose women priests are reassured that all bishops, including the Anglo-Catholics who opposed women priests, accepted the bishops' proposals.

Dr Hope said: "There may be clergy and lay people who feel they are in some way in impaired communion. But the impaired communion is not at episcopal level. If there were to be a woman bishop in the house of bishops, then of course we would be in a very different situation."

Forward in Faith, a new organisation made up of the groups who oppose women priests, said the plan was a contribution towards its aim, "but it does not yet satisfy all our requirements".

The Rev Peter Geldard, chairman of the synod's Catholic Group, said the plan "fudges the issue and makes unacceptable and untheological suggestions".

The Rev Martin Flatman, vicar of Cowley St John, Oxford, and one of the few to have stated firmly their intention to resign, said that the Manchester agreement would not persuade him to change his mind. "It seems to me they are trying to keep the church together, whatever the cost. It is an establishment stitch-up, just to preserve the status quo of the Church of England."

Dr Graham Leonard, the former Bishop of London, described the plan as "quite unsatisfactory".

JOHN MANNING

Age old problem: after sexism, racism and all those other politically incorrect isms comes the battle against ageism (Julia Llewellyn Smith writes).

Age Concern yesterday launched a campaign to fight prejudice against old people, including posters that featured "old codger" John Fisher, above, a 70-year-old from London, and others of a woman labelled "silly old moo". The posters will go up on sites across Britain with the slogan: "How long before people call you names? Fight ageism now."

The pictures were taken by the photographer David Bailey, who is 55. He said: "Ageism is a big problem and will affect you and me. When you are old, people expect you to be serene and wise, but at the same time you are dismissed, patronised and called names."

Age Concern is lobbying for legislation against age-discrimination, similar to that for racism and sexism. It said the stereotype of an elderly person was someone in poor health, who lived in poverty and had lost all interest in sex. In reality, only 3 per cent of people over 65 lived in institutions and only 22 per cent of those over 55 said their health was bad.

Newspaper articles about hang-gliding grandmothers and elderly people being conned or attacked were patronising and reinforced the stereotypes, the charity added. Older people also suffered prejudice in the job market, with many being forced to take early retirement, irrespective of ability.

"Those caught in the unemployment trap after the age of 45 are likely to suffer the consequences for the rest of their lives, in terms of finances and lost self-esteem," Age Concern said.

Credo

Church must find a home for all after great debate

Christina Rees

This week, the bishops in the Church of England met to discuss their reactions to the decision of the General Synod last November to allow women to become priests.

From the statements issued at the end of their four-day meeting, it seems they spent most of their time, energy and resources thinking up ways to appease a vociferous minority still opposed to women priests, rather than thinking about how they should be implementing the agreed and expressed will of the majority. After all, the case had been won, fair and square, after nearly 20 years of debate.

But Christianity is not about winning and losing, achieving success, or even about systems and doctrines, however carefully considered they may be. It is about acceptance, redemption and, above all, about loving and responding to our fellow human beings and to God.

I confess I have been upset by the way certain elements in the minority have behaved over the past few weeks. Instead of accepting their "defeat" in this particular debate, they have turned themselves into victims of a system they now disparage. Perhaps it would be disingenuous at this stage to point out that, had the measure failed, there would have been no carefully drafted provisions for those women who sense a true vocation from God to be priests, nor for those who wished to be ministered to by them.

We accept that the church is an imperfect human organisation, and yet we fight passionately to protect it, or at least the parts of it that we approve of, from change or destruction. We admit that, as a Western male-dominated institution, we have tended to turn our faith into a series of intellectual propositions, codified and systematised, devoid of much that is Christ-like. We operate along the well-know channels of human pride and ambition. We spiritualise our greed for power. But what are we to do? How much are Christians supposed to manipulate to get their own way?

The nadir of the gospel stories is very much about Jesus not getting His own way. If we were to follow Christ's example, we would have to put all self interest aside, and we know that is not realistic. We are created selfish creatures, and it seems that we need to be selfish to survive.

Upon reflection, I think that it is good that the bishops devoted most of their time to working out a way forward that could accommodate and care for the entrenched opponents of women priests as well as the bishops eager to ordain women.

It is a sign of hope that the statement was unanimous, and that the archbishops and others could speak of how deeply moving and immensely positive their time together had been. Now, instead of the threat of a "church within a church", or a mass exodus, we can look forward to working together with mutual respect for each other, maintaining our individual integrity, while reaffirming each other as fellow followers of Christ.

It does not feel good to give away power, and it is irksome to have to take into account strongly differing points of view, but I believe the bishops, the majority of whom are in favour of women priests, were right to give so much thought to those who cannot go along with the majority. Perhaps we will see Jesus getting His own way after all.

Christina Rees is a lay member of the General Synod and of the Movement for the Ordination of Women

Deadline for jail bid extended

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE deadline for bids to run Strangeways jail in Manchester has been extended after plans for greater private sector management of prisons ran into difficulties over pay and conditions of privately employed staff.

The deadline was due to expire next Monday but ministers have received legal guidance that any staff transferring from the public sector to commercial firms must retain their existing pay and conditions.

The government is to allow extra time for firms to take into account the financial implications of a ruling that could make running prisons a much less attractive deal for the private sector. Officials in the remands contracts unit dealing with the tendering process have given companies until at least the end of the month to revise their figures for the Strangeways bid.

Harry Fletcher, of the presure group Prisons are not for Profit, said: "Prison staff have long argued that it was politically unprincipled to embark on jail privatisation. The latest twists and turns suggest that the Home Office proposals are fraught with difficulty. It is not too late for politicians to abandon their ideology and invest in prisons".

Strangeways, the scene of the worst prison riot in British penal history, is undergoing a £63 million refurbishment that will be completed later this year. Prison service staff and management are for the first time competing with the private sector for the contract to run the jail, which employs about 300 staff.

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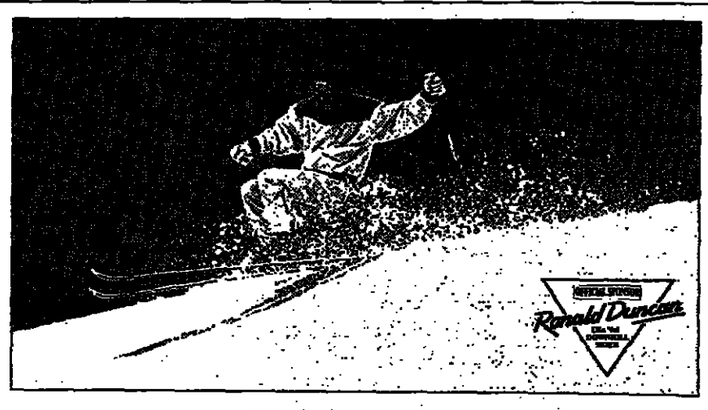

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Father who raped girl aged 8 is sent to sex clinic

BY JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

A FORMER Guardsman who raped his young daughter and threatened to hurt her if she told anyone was freed on probation yesterday after a court heard how his family wanted him back.

An Old Bailey judge agreed to send the 31-year-old depot manager to a pioneering clinic for child sex offenders in the hope that he could eventually be reunited with his family. Judge Nina Lowry said the eight-year-old child's best chance of coping with the emotional stress of her ordeal was if the father could be treated and eventually returned to the home.

The man initially denied the allegations but in July of last year wrote to his wife and daughter admitting what he had done. In a letter to his daughter he said: "I am writing mostly to try to say how sorry I am. You did the right thing, sweetheart, in telling Mummy what I had done. Never doubt yourself. For a long time I doubted that I could have done this. I have let you down and caused you much pain.

"I realise I must be very sick inside and that maybe somebody can help me. I cannot find any answers as to why I did these things."

Last month, he was released on bail for assessment by the Gracewell clinic in Birmingham, the only clinic in the country that treats men who have abused young members of their family. Charles Fortt, the clinic's manager, said the man's wife had been closely involved in his assessment and wanted him to return home despite his admission that he had raped their daughter while she was out at a party.

"She is committed to the marriage and wishes it to continue. She wishes her husband to continue therapy and the children are anxious for their father to at some stage in the future be returned to the family unit," he said.

The man was given a 12-month probation order and ordered to attend the clinic for a further 12 months. The judge said she had tried to take the family, especially the daughter, into consideration. She said: "If after time has elapsed it is possible for you to see the children and even for the family to be reunited, this will help your daughter to cope with her emotional problems she is bound to suffer."

Kevin Barrett, policy adviser for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said after the hearing that cases of the father eventually returning to the home of the abused child were not uncommon. "It would only be done after careful assessment of the individual child, the abuser and family circumstances," he said. "The abuser must be deemed treatable and the child is willing."

Mothers were often keen to see their husbands back home for financial reasons and to lessen the stigma. He added that treatment programmes of child abusers were too new to be fully assessed, although in certain cases they had been successful. "The danger is that research shows that people who are abusing their own children are almost always abusing other children as well."

Going, going: among the 140 Thorburn paintings to be auctioned at Sotheby's in London on March 31 will be *The Monarch of the Glen*, signed and dated 1898

Museum owner sells the monarchs of Thorburn's glens

THE Archibald Thorburn Museum is to be stripped of its best known paintings due to lack of funds (Sarah Jane Checkland writes).

On March 31, Sotheby's will sell 140 paintings from the privately owned museum at Dolwalls in Cornwall for an estimated £1.7 million. By the time bidding ends, only 40 to 50 watercolours, prints and other artifacts will remain.

John Southern, the museum owner, said: "My family and I hope that many public spirited buyers will wish to continue our long tradition of sharing our pictures with the public by loaning some of theirs to the gallery." Art market experts believe, however, that such altruism will be far from the minds of the sporting enthusiasts eager to buy.

"They are spectacular, wonderful pictures of game birds," Simon Taylor, of Sotheby's, said. Of particular interest will be *The Monarch of the Glen*, estimated at £35,000 to £50,000; and *The Close of a Winter's Day* in which four pheasants are shown grouped in a clearing (£15,000 to £20,000).

Thorburn, born at Lasswade near Edinburgh in 1860, first exhibited at the Royal Academy when he was 20, soon gaining a reputation for his immaculate portrayals of wildlife.

Mr Southern, who also runs a small theme park, opened the museum in 1972. Visitors number over 150,000 annually, and last year included the prime minister.

Son lived with secret of murder for 14 years

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A CIVIL servant lived for 14 years with the secret that he had suffocated his father to spare his mother the burden of nursing him through a terminal heart illness, Newcastle Crown Court was told yesterday.

When the mother of Douglas Graham died two years ago she still did not know the real circumstances of her husband's death. But last year the strain proved too much for Graham, a 43-year-old bachelor from Newburn, Tyne and Wear, and he tried to gas himself in his car. He was saved by a passing forestry worker and yesterday pleaded not guilty to murder, but admitted manslaughter due to diminished responsibility.

Mr Justice Sedley put him on probation for three years on condition that he receive psychiatric treatment. He told Graham: "Nobody has the right to take another's life", but added that society would gain nothing by punishing him further.

David Robson QC, for the defence, said: "What Mr Graham did was done out of love, not out of hate."

Old Bailey oils wheels of justice

A hefty backlog of cases at the Old Bailey has been cleared after ten years. Judge Denison congratulated everyone who helped bring the average waiting time between committal and trial to four months in some cases.

In 1980, Central Criminal Court judges started working "overtime" by sitting half an hour longer each day to clear 930 cases. Six years later the trials queue had grown to 1,260. Now, there are 400 outstanding cases—an acceptable workload for the 19 courts in the Old Bailey.

Suggestions that fewer people were being charged, despite a rise in crime statistics for the capital, were rejected by Graham Addicott, Old Bailey court administrator

Crash man gets £4m award

Simon Benford, 24, who suffered severe brain damage after a motorcycle crash in Reading, Berkshire, in July 1986 was awarded damages worth more than £4 million in the High Court yesterday.

The structured settlement will provide Mr Benford, who is cared for by his parents at Woodley, Reading, with an inflation proof income for life. The agreed award will be paid by insurers for two drivers involved in the accident.

Trial date set

The trial of Beverley Allitt, 23, a former nurse charged with murdering four children and attempting to murder 11 other people at Grantham and Kesteven General Hospital, is due to start at Nottingham Crown Court on February 15.

Aircraft escape

Ten people, including two children, escaped unhurt from a British Midland aircraft yesterday after it collided with a runway vehicle before take off at East Midlands Airport.

Smoke signal

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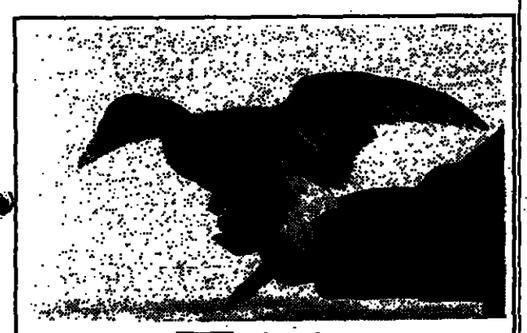

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Labourer's son heads field as Danes seek successor to Schluter

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

POUL Nyrup Rasmussen, head of the opposition Social Democrats, last night accepted the task of leading talks on forming the basis for a new Danish government after the abrupt resignation of Poul Schluter, the outgoing Conservative prime minister, over a political scandal.

During a round of political consultations with Queen Margrethe at the baroque royal palace of Amalienborg in central Copenhagen, leaders of parties making up a majority in the 179-member Folketing (parliament) yesterday afternoon recommended the appointment of Mr Rasmussen, 49, to broker talks on a new government.

Mr Rasmussen received the support of his own Social Democrats, the Radical Liberals, the Centre Democrats, and the Socialist People's party, groupings commanding 93 seats in parliament.

The Conservative-Liberal government's candidate, Henning Dyremose, the present minister of finance, was supported by the Conservatives, the Liberals, the Christian People's Party and the Progress Party, commanding a combination of 86 parliamentary mandates.

The recommendation puts Mr Rasmussen, son of a Jutland labourer and a cleaning lady, in a strong position to become the next prime minister of Denmark, returning his party to power after ten years in opposition.

Mr Rasmussen, the new Social Democrat leader, elected last April could, commentators say, set up a minority government based on the parliamentary support of the small centrist Radical Liberal Party and the Socialist People's Party. The Social Democrats have 69 seats in the 179-member parliament, compared to the ruling Conservative-Liberal coalition's combined 59.

Mr Schluter, 63, formally handed his resignation to the queen in the early afternoon. He was toppled by a long-simmering scandal on the treatment of Tamil refugee families just two weeks after Copenhagen took over the rotating presidency of the European Community. He said he would continue as caretaker leader until the political crisis was resolved.

Talks on a new government could take several days. Mr Schluter favours a continued minority coalition by his Conservative party and his Liberal allies to be led by Mr Dyremose.

Apart from the six-month EC presidency, Denmark faces a new referendum on the Maastricht treaty on closer European union in the spring. Mr Schluter has said he hopes the vote will not be delayed and has suggested April 27 as a referendum date.

"I do not think that this need have a major effect on Denmark's running of the presidency," said Ivar Norgaard, a member of the Social Democratic Party, who chairs the powerful parliamentary European affairs committee which steers Danish policy in Brussels.

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In the running: Henning Dyremose, the Danish finance minister, is the choice of the disgraced prime minister, Poul Schluter, to take over from him

Mobster's millions are still missing

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AS HEAD of the Gambino crime family, John Gotti amassed millions of dollars, but nine months after the "Dapper Don" was sentenced to life in prison for racketeering and murder, federal prosecutors have been unable to find, let alone confiscate, his ill-gotten gains.

The one thing Gotti never tried to hide was himself, and the Don's favourite hangouts — bars, clubs and restaurants where he and his associates would assemble for the purpose of conspicuous consumption — have become local landmarks in New York so the government has decided to confiscate them.

Federal prosecutors gave notice in a Brooklyn court on Thursday that they intend to seize most of the mobster's known haunts on the ground that they were "used to facilitate the numerous and varied criminal activities of the Gambino family". The clan's principal headquarters has long been the Bergin Hunt and Fish Club on the family's home territory of Queens, where the Don was in the habit of holding vast, illegal fireworks displays for colleagues and neighbours.

Until his arrest, the "Capo" could usually be found there, resplendent in expensive if vulgar suits and surrounded by admirers, bodyguards, and latterly lawyers. If the government case is upheld, this and two other clubs, along with four alleged gambling dens and two businesses, will be confiscated and sold.

Gotti's favourite restaurant, a characteristically flashy place on the Upper East Side of Manhattan formerly called "Da Noi" and now "Pulcinella", is also liable to be seized. The US attorney's office claims that the restaurant, which attracts more tourists than mobsters, was set up with $1 million (£653,000) cash from Gotti.

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Gotti: favourite haunts are being confiscated

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Ukraine is offered guarantees by Yeltsin

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW AND ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

PRESIDENT Yeltsin and President Kravchuk of Ukraine met in Moscow yesterday in a move to patch up their relations and the Commonwealth of Independent States itself. Leaders of the commonwealth are to hold a summit in Minsk next Friday.

Boris Yeltsin offered security guarantees to Kiev, including a guarantee of Ukrainian territorial integrity and protection from nuclear attack. Leonid Kravchuk said this would make it easier for his parliament to ratify the first strategic arms reduction treaty (Start 1), cutting American and former Soviet nuclear arsenals, and thereby allow Start 2 to come into force. But Ukrainians may not be reassured, in view of the wish of many Russian nationalists to bring Ukraine back into a close Slavic union.

Mr Yeltsin also agreed that Russia would supply Ukraine with five million extra tonnes of oil at subsidised prices, on top of the 15 million promised for this year — yet this is far below Ukraine's needs of 45 million tonnes. In the case of the Baltic states, Russia has demanded world prices, devastating their economies. Moscow cannot adopt such tactics with Kiev, because its own economy is so dependent on Ukraine's and because it wants to keep Ukraine in the commonwealth.

The presidents also agreed on the appointment of a new commander of the disputed Black Sea Fleet.

In brief

Opposition setback in Tajikistan

Garm: Government troops in Tajikistan have taken control of Obigarm and Rogum, strongholds of pro-democratic and Islamic opposition forces, local officials said.

The nearby town of Garm was preparing to defend itself against approaching pro-government troops. All men between the ages of 18 and 40 have been mobilised. *(AP)*

Aids confirmed

Paris: Rudolf Nureyev's doctor has confirmed that the Russian-born ballet dancer died of Aids and said he could have contracted the virus that causes it as early as 1980. *(Reuter)*

Kurds attacked

Ankara: Up to 150 Kurdish separatists are estimated to have been killed in two days of Turkish air raids on a mountain rebel camp. Helicopters launched the raid on about 300 members of the Kurdistan Workers Party. *(Reuter)*

Remains found

Hanoi: American military teams have recovered a large number of remains of Americans listed as missing-in-action. About half the remains were turned in by Vietnamese individuals. *(AFP)*

Barely awake

Helsinki: Bears, irate after a warm spell woke them early from their winter hibernation, have been pestering Finns for food. Finns have been trying to cope with thousands of young hedgehogs woken from their slumbers. *(AP)*

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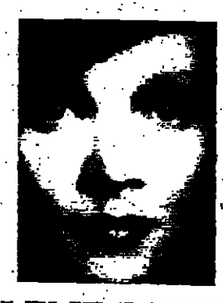

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Deck hands: crew guiding a Harrier jump jet on to the deck of the Ark Royal in the English Channel as the aircraft carrier prepared for duty in the Adriatic

Ark Royal readies for the Adriatic

FROM BILL FROST ON BOARD THE HMS ARK ROYAL

IN A force-nine gale, a Sea Harrier made a perfect touchdown on board the aircraft carrier *Ark Royal* in mid-Channel yesterday as it made final preparations to leave for the Adriatic. Despite the weather conditions, seven more planes made inch-perfect landings over the next half hour.

Minutes later gunners tested the vessel's anti-aircraft defences — firing off hundreds of rounds into the mist and swell. Local shipping had been warned to steer clear of the area off the Dorset coast while the *Ark Royal* made ready to lead its task group to support British troops in Bosnia.

The carrier also took delivery of eight Sea King helicopters yesterday. Their crews — known as "The Junglies" — will ferry reinforcements into Bosnia or lift out casualties.

While *Ark Royal* pitched in the gale, Harrier pilots were told of the mock raids they are to mount on the carrier over the next day or so. The exercise is aimed at sharpening their combat skills and the reaction time of the ship's gunners.

Lieutenant Iain Reid said the pilots were trained and ready to strike against any of the warring parties who threatened British troops in Bosnia.

However, despite his readiness to fight, Lt Reid was troubled by Western involvement in the war. "It seems to be a pointless bloody feud that's turning into another Vietnam. I for one would not want to die in a war that no one understands," he said.

Captain Jeremy Blackham, commanding officer of the *Ark Royal*, was more guarded. "I think people are pleased to be doing something rather than just taking part in exercises," he said.

There are 75 Wrens on board *Ark Royal*. Sub-Lt Gail Adlam, 24, had no doubts about the task group's mission. "It's not our war, but if our forces come under heavy fire it's our duty to get them out," she said.

Leading Wren Stephanie Hallas yesterday celebrated her 24th birthday on board *Ark Royal*. She had hoped to get married next April, before hearing that she was to join the carrier as a meteorological observer. "The wedding is looking a bit dodgy now, because who knows when we will be back."

Vance may bow out at a critical stage of peace negotiations

BY MARTIN FLETCHER AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

■ America has attacked Britain and France for delay in enforcing the no-fly zone

THE West's struggle to quell the conflict in former Yugoslavia reached a critical point last night, with the future of Cyrus Vance in the peace process in doubt, and America openly criticising Britain and France for delays in enforcing the no-fly zone over Bosnia.

The uncertainty about Mr Vance comes as the self-styled Bosnian Serb parliament is about to discuss a three-point peace plan in the shadow of an EC-imposed deadline. Although Mr Vance, 75, denied he was to resign as co-chairman with Lord Owen of the Yugoslav peace conference based in Geneva, the denial was couched in terms that indicated he may not be involved in the peace process for much longer.

A spokesman for the former Secretary of State, Fred Eckhard, said Mr Vance had made it clear when he took on the job last September that responsibilities in America meant he could not give it an "open-ended commitment".

The Bush administration meanwhile criticised Britain and France for weeks of delay in agreeing a new UN Security Council resolution to enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia.

Lawrence Eagleburger, the Secretary of State, said that the allies' response had been "less muscular" than he had hoped, and that their foot-dragging had undermined the West's stern warnings to the Serbs not to carry the conflict into Kosovo, a move that could trigger a Balkan-wide war.

Failure to enforce the no-fly zone had made clear to all participants in the conflict "what two years of history already should have told them, which is that there is no censensus, no community of view in the security council or in the West on how to deal with the Yugoslav problem," Mr Eagleburger told reporters accompanying him back from his visit to Paris.

"We'll get (the resolution) sooner or later but there is a good bit of concern, particularly on the part of the British, and it has gone much slower than I would like," Mr Eagleburger said, adding that differences also persisted with the French. "I must tell you, in my judgment, to a great degree having dithered as long as we have, we lost a good bit of the impact already of any resolution."

Mr Eagleburger said Muslim states were asking why the West was willing this week to take military action to enforce the Iraqi "no fly zones", but not to do the same in Bosnia.

The Bosnian no-fly zone was established by UN resolution last October. After persistent violations by Serbian aircraft, the allies began consultations on a second resolution to approve the zone's enforcement by military means, and at Camp David in mid-December President Bush and John Major announced they had agreed in principle on the need for such a resolution.

The completion of a draft text has been held up ever since by British and French concerns that the zone's military enforcement should in no way jeopardise their troops on the ground in Bosnia or the humanitarian relief operations those troops were protecting.

Sources said yesterday that differences remained in three key areas, but they were much smaller than they had been and a resolution could be brought before the security council soon after the self-styled Bosnian parliament considers the Geneva peace plan next Tuesday.

Britain and France are both holding out for a 30-day period before the enforcement began so the necessary preparations could be made. The Americans want a much shorter delay.

The French in particular want the UN inserted into the chain of command so that it could veto any military action that might endanger the UN forces protecting international relief efforts in Bosnia. Washington wants the enforcement to be purely a Nato operation.

Nor have the three allies yet agreed among themselves how to proceed with enforcement, though the resolution may fudge that issue.

Vance: early warning of other commitments

Stewart: condemned "cold-blooded" murder

Colonel orders enquiry

BY ADAM LEBOR

THE commanding officer of the Cheshire regiment has demanded that rival Croat and Muslim commanders open a murder enquiry after the death this week of a British soldier in Bosnia.

Lance Corporal Wayne Edwards, the first British serviceman to be killed in Bosnia, was caught in a battle between previously allied Croat and Muslim forces in the town of Gornji Vakuf. He had been driving a Warrior armoured vehicle escorting a civilian vehicle through the battle-zone.

Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart said: "This is cold-blooded murder and there will be a murder investigation. Lance Corporal Edwards was a UN soldier, and we want the person responsible brought to trial." Col Stewart added that the Muslim and Croat commanders had both said they would help in an investigation.

Although the past week has been the most difficult yet for the 2,400-strong British force here, it is the first death of a British soldier that has brought home to the United Nations contingent in central Bosnia the real dangers of their mission. Attention had focused on the dangers posed by Serb forces.

Alarm over British troops' escort role

*MPs are concerned that the British forces will inevitably get dragged into a full-scale civil war in Bosnia, **Michael Evans** writes*

THE doubling of Britain's forces in the Balkans has raised alarm bells in the Commons over the extent to which British troops might be dragged into the civil war.

The fear remains despite of repeated pledges from the government that the role of the troops — escorting United Nations humanitarian relief convoys — will be unchanged. Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, announced the troop reinforcements on Thursday, saying: "These forces will not be used to intervene in the fighting between rival factions. It remains our position that it is not appropriate to intervene in what is essentially a civil war."

There would appear to be no going back on that statement, which was made with clarity by the defence secretary both in the Commons and at a later press conference. The conclusion to be drawn is that if the fighting seriously deteriorates and the British forces become sitting ducks, they will be withdrawn.

However, evacuation only seems likely if the civil war suddenly develops into a full scale co-ordinated attack by one side against the other. So far, the fighting has bee sporadic and none of the warring factions has shown any talent for co-ordinating a broad infantry and artillery attack. This failure is illustrated by the shape of the Serbian front line which is now just a series of blobs. The positions are difficult to defend and signs are that the Serbs are running out of steam.

The government's decision to send reinforcements came as official assessments of the war in Bosnia paint an increasingly gloomy picture of likely developments. Yesterday was the deadline set by the Islamic conference after which member countries have threatened to send arms to the Muslim fighters in Bosnia.

There is now a serious possibility that heavy and light artillery could be shipped in clandestinely, probably over the mountainous route from Albania, to provide the Muslims with a real fighting capability. One Western diplomatic source said: "The Muslims are beginning to feel in the ascendancy. They are strong in manpower and if they get the arms they want, they will try to regain the ground they have lost to the Bosnian Serbs. The Serbs are now seriously stretched while the Muslims believe there is still fighting to be done."

There is also concern that if a peace agreement is signed, based on the plan by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, the negotiators at the Geneva talks, the result could lead to further violence. The proposed division of Bosnia into ten autonomous regions will create arbitrary frontiers.

The long-term game plan of Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and more particularly of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, pose even greater dangers, if British forces remain in Bosnia for any length of time. Western officials are convinced that Mr Milosevic will not dump Dr Karadzic. They believe that his appearance at the Geneva peace talks earlier this week was part of a private agreement with the Bosnian Serb leader, to advance the cause of a greater Serbia by pledging intervention by Belgrade forces at the right moment.

Death haunts Fojnica's cold corridors

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN FOJNICA, CENTRAL BOSNIA

DEATH is the most regular visitor at the Institute for the Mentally Ill and Retarded in Fojnica, claiming its victims with ease. Since the start of the Bosnian war last April more than 150 patients have died — not from shelling or sniping, but from cold, hunger and malnutrition.

The institute, home to 900 patients, barely survives on a fragile lifeline from aid agencies. "Without their help we would have nothing and everyone would have died, but still the situation is unbearable," said Kadira Pasic, the director.

"Two patients have died this week. We were hungry for three months and the elderly are still dying or on the point of death. They cannot survive on bread and relief aid without fresh food and vitamins," she said.

Nestling in a narrow valley, a beautiful landscape of snowtopped hills and stark trees stripped bare by winter, the institute has so far escaped shelling. Fojnica is out of range of the nearest Serb frontline position outside Sarajevo, but the war is still exacting a heavy toll.

The rooms and corridors are spotlessly clean, but inside the smell of human excrement hangs in the air. Many patients are bedridden, with sheets that need to be changed every hour, but the laundry only works at part capacity. "We are working in the most primitive way, heating rooms by burning wood, which we would never have thought of before the war," said the director.

Many of the patients are children who have not seen their parents for months. The institute took them in from all over the former Yugoslavia: one of the last places where Bosnians, Croats, Serbs and Macedonians still live together in harmony.

But now the patients' families are cut off by the war, unable to cross the front line and negotiate their way through the myriad of checkpoints that litter Bosnia. Their children sit alone, staring at the walls and wondering why nobody comes to see them anymore. For many of them the war is beyond their comprehension. United Nations sources say that relief groups are supplying as much aid as possible to the institute, but one answer would be for a Western charity to adopt it.

Yelena, 19, a mentally handicapped girl, is from Sarajevo. The Bosnian capital is just 30 miles away, but surrounded by Serbs besieging it the city may as well be 3,000 miles away and she has not seen her parents since last April. When a nurse mentions her mother's name her face lights up with childlike happiness, but then quickly falls again. "It's not just people but also places like this that are being killed. We are forgotten," said Ms Pasic. "Some people say that the mentally handicapped are better off dead in this war but I've been working here for 23 years and I feel these children are my own," she said as she cuddled a young boy.

The struggling staff do their best to keep the patients clean, clothed and fed while dishing out as much love and attention as they can. Mentally handicapped children in one room smile, link hands and break into song as we enter, excited at the presence of any new visitors.

"We get by and try and keep up the necessary levels of cleanliness but it's very difficult," said nurse Zdenka Jovcic. "There are no medicines, and no full-time psychiatrists and we fear the war will come here."

And that is the institute's ultimate nightmare. There is no proper shelter on the site, although the basement might provide some temporary respite from shelling. For the patients at Fojnica there is nowhere left to hide.

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Baghdad ignores UN deadline as 350 troops land in Kuwait

BY JAMES BONE AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER

■ **Undaunted by Western bombing raids, President Saddam Hussein appears to be determined to provoke the allies yet again**

A NEW confrontation between the United Nations and Iraq was developing last night as Baghdad appeared to ignore the latest UN deadline to remove six Iraqi police posts on the Kuwaiti side of the newly demarcated border. The stance coincided with the arrival in Kuwait of combat-ready American ground troops.

Kuwait told the security council that Iraq had reinforced the posts on territory newly awarded to Kuwait in Umm Qasr, but UN sources said that the size of the Iraqi presence had not been increased. Diplomats said the UN Security Council would have to decide what to do with the police posts and the Iraqis manning them if they were not removed by last night's deadline.

British, French, Russian and American representatives met Iraq's UN ambassador, Nizar Hamdoun, to try to resolve the issue. One senior Western diplomat said it "would be rather serious" if the Iraqis failed to remove the posts on time.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, is expected to issue a report on Monday calling for the 350-strong unarmed UN observer force policing the demilitarised zone on the Iraq-Kuwait border to be reinforced by a battalion of 800 lightly armed peacekeeping troops. UN officials were also still waiting last night for the promised approval from Baghdad for flight clearance for an aircraft carrying UN weapons inspectors to the Iraqi capital from Bahrain.

The danger of renewed conflict remained high with the return of the US ground troops to Kuwait only 48 hours before the emotive second anniversary of the launch of Operation Desert Storm.

On board the carrier in the Gulf, the USS *Kitty Hawk*, crew members prepared new guided bombs as the Bush administration said that it could strike again. Red-shirted crew prepared 1,000lb and 2,000lb "smart" bombs in a staging area next to the mess hall. Senior officers said the assembly work began at midnight on Thursday.

Planes from the carrier played a leading part in Wednesday's attack. Commander Jeff Nickeri, the man in charge of the bomb assembly team told reporters operating under Pentagon restrictions that his men had received a list of what was "needed in contingencies".

The first of more than 1,100 American soldiers due in the emirate, most from the US Army's First Cavalry Division, arrived yesterday afternoon in what officials termed a show of resolve as Baghdad continued to pledge that it would retaliate against the imposition of no-fly zones in the north and south. The 350 helmeted troops, whose armour was already stored in place on the ground in Kuwait are due to conduct manoeuvres near the disputed Iraqi-Kuwait border. Diplomats said their stay was open-ended, allowing the possibility that they could be deployed in the event of further Iraqi trangressions.

Iraq television yesterday quoted a military spokesman as claiming that its air defences had chased off a warplane patrolling a Western-imposed no-fly zone in the south, having claimed on Thursday that its ground defences had seen off two Western warplanes in the northern exclusion zone.

"At 04.30 today our air defences continued their heroic confrontation of a hostile aerial target and forced it to flee," the spokesman said. He did not state whether anti-aircraft guns or missiles had been fired in the incident which took place close to the southern port of Basra.

Arab diplomatic sources said that President Saddam Hussein had been encouraged by widespread Arab and Islamic opposition to Wednesday's attack, condemned as a blatant example of Western double standards because of the failure to take a similar stand against Serbian or Israeli transgressions.

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Iraqis shrug off allied bombings

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN BAGHDAD

WHEN President Saddam Hussein looks out from his presidential compound across the muddy waters of the Tigris and surveys the busy streets of Baghdad, he can rightly claim to be as securely in power today as he was before the first bombs of the allied offensive fell on the capital exactly two years ago this weekend.

Although Saddam faces the threat of a new military showdown with the coalition forces and the possibility of a fresh diplomatic confrontation with the United Nations, his power base remains secure and attempts at destabilising his regime seem almost self-defeating. There is little indication in the Iraqi capital that renewed hostilities will have much effect on either his military strength or his ability to stay in power. Iraqi claims, confirmed by some Western defence officials, that Wednesday's air strike failed to knock out most of the anti-aircraft missile targets in southern Iraq, combined with television pictures showing civilians injured in the raids, have only served to confirm the impression among Iraqis that their leader, who emerged unscathed from the disastrous eight-year war with Iran, is as unshakeable as ever.

"It is clear to all the Iraqi people that the air attack on Wednesday was simply Bush trying to have the final word," said one senior Iraqi official, who used an almost condescending tone when describing the outgoing American leader. "We hope that matters will improve with Clinton; he seems to be more reasonable. The trouble with Bush was that he took it all so personally."

There is a new-found confidence among members of the Iraqi ruling establishment. In the aftermath of the Gulf war there were real fears that the coalition forces would either invade Iraq and topple Saddam or destroy the Iraqi military and encourage Kurdish and Shia Muslim opposition groups to oust the ruling Baathist regime.

Today in Baghdad, however, there are few signs that Saddam's tenure is under threat. Iraqi contempt for the allies' attacks was brought home on a visit to the capital's main markets yesterday where thousands of shoppers ignored the warnings of impending war and concentrated instead on stretching their meagre earnings to cover the sharply rising cost of basic food stuffs.

Some displayed even greater sang froid by spending the day at Baghdad's popular race track, where talking politics has long been considered bad form.

Media attack Clinton's broken pledges

Still smiling: Bill Clinton and Al Gore, his vice-president to be, looking very relaxed despite widespread criticisms that they have abandoned many of the promises they made during their election campaign

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BILL Clinton, the president-elect, was on the defensive on several fronts yesterday as he prepared to leave Arkansas for his inauguration in Washington.

He remains popular with the public, but his strong standing among the American media already appears to have disappeared; yesterday's papers carried one disparaging report after another about his retreat from campaign promises. Public watchdog organisations criticised the fact that his inauguration was being underwritten by the big corporations, whose influence Mr Clinton had pledged to eliminate, and a drip-drip of embarrassing disclosures continued unabated.

According to *The New York Times*, Al Gore, who was such an electoral boost to Mr Clinton, saw most of his advice on senior administration appointments ignored and has now been told to expect an even smaller role as vice-president.

The *Wall Street Journal* reported that Hillary Clinton, to the annoyance of some Clinton aides, may have an office in the West Wing of the White House, the real power centre, not in the East Wing where the president's wife normally resides.

But it is Mr Clinton's retreat from numerous campaign pledges that has attracted most adverse comment, and not just from natural critics. "This week has been a clatter of campaign promises being tossed out of the window," observed Daniel Moynihan, a senior Democratic senator.

Thursday afternoon's press conference to announce the White House staff was dominated by questions about his apparent U-turns, prompting flashes of anger from the president-elect and the conference's abrupt termination. He insisted he should be judged by progress on the "big things" he campaigned for, such as health care reform and cuts in the national deficit. Americans would think him foolish if he did not adapt his programme to changed circumstances, primarily greater-than-expected deficit projections.

Several newspaper yesterday reprinted the actual words of Mr Clinton's campaign promises, and Republicans crowed, recalling how President Bush had repeatedly attacked Mr Clinton on the hustings as a "waffler". A new poll yesterday showed 58 per cent of respondents believed that Mr Clinton had broken campaign promises, but 71 per cent nevertheless thought favourably of him and only 20 per cent unfavourably.

Democrats kick off five-day party

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

FIVE days of bell-ringing, dances, parties and an inaugural parade like no other will mark the swearing-in of Bill Clinton, America's first baby-boomer president, starting tomorrow.

He will attend 11 balls, three galas, an enormous open-air concert and festival, a dozen receptions and a growing list of other events during a Washington extravaganza that is the closest Americans come to a coronation. The Democrats, holding their first inauguration for 16 years, are determined to make this one to remember.

Mr Clinton will try to set the tone for his administration in his address immediately after he takes the oath of office at noon on Wednesday. He can be expected to expand on the inaugural theme of American renewal and of seeking unity despite the nation's diversity of people, races, beliefs, life-styles and economic conditions.

The inauguration will be dignified, fun, folksy and different. The Democrats will strive for political correctness. An invitation-only ball for the homeless, who are asked to wear "church clothes", will be run by the Community for Creative Non-Violence. There are special events for gays and lesbians, environmentalists, abortion rights activists and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals who put on aprons saying "I'd rather be naked than wear fur".

The show-business contingent is huge and includes Michael Jackson, Barbra Streisand, a reunited Fleetwood Mac, Diana Ross, Bette Midler, Aretha Franklin, Tony Bennett, the Muppets and a swarm of jazz and rap groups, all hoping the saxophone-playing Mr Clinton will join them on stage.

American corporations and other wealthy backers have made short-term loans to finance the $25 million (£16.2 million) event. They hope to recoup the money from sales of television rights, 70,000 ball tickets at $125 each, and an array of souvenir T-shirts, mugs, yo-yos, pennants and saxophone-shaped badges.

The ubiquitous presence of corporate sponsors, who might seek to influence government policy, has upset those who believed Mr Clinton's promise to render Washington's lobbyists powerless. This week has seen his supposedly clean administration forced to back down

from two ethical embarrassments — cancellation of a corporate party for Ron Brown, incoming secretary of commerce, and the abandonment of requests to big companies by Hillary Clinton's brothers to finance parties for the new First Family. The Clinton crowd also lost sight of his promise to put people first. All 40,000 seats for the parade were earmarked for party workers until an outcry forced the authorities to put 6,000 on sale.

On Monday, Mr Clinton hosts a lunch for 50 people whose stories touched him during the campaign, ranging from a hotel washer-up to a woman struggling to raise a spastic daughter, and a reformed killer from a Los Angeles gang who now runs a youth centre. These "Faces of Hope" are VIP guests for the week with all expenses paid, plus a new outfit for the parties.

On Thursday, the new president will throw open the White House to 4,000 members of the public, chosen by lottery. He will also hold a house-warming for dozens of friends from his home state of Arkansas.

But while Democrats celebrate Mr Bush's enforced retirement, not all Republicans will be sulking at home. They have organised a "Mourning in America" ball and a "Victory in '96" party.

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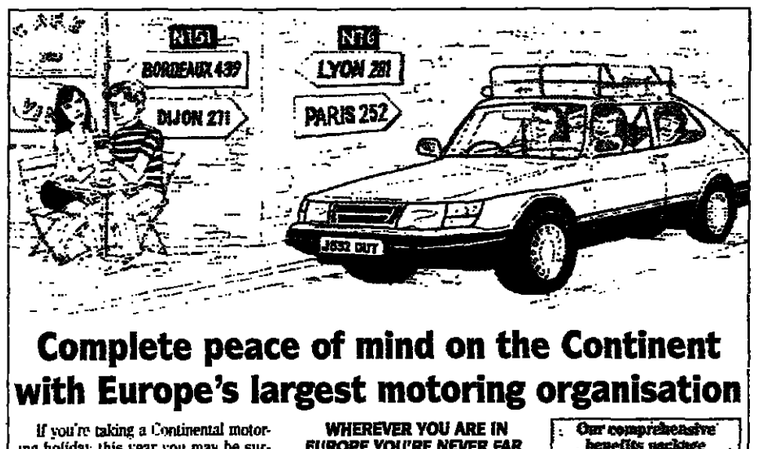

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Giza sands reveal hidden pyramid

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

EGYPTIAN excavators have unearthed the remains of a mysterious new pyramid, a few feet from the Great Pyramid of the pharaoh Cheops, which some experts believe may have been built to ensure that his soul would live forever. The surprise discovery, at Giza on the outskirts of Cairo, brings to 96 the number of known pyramids in Egypt.

"It indicates that all the secrets of the pharaohs' immortal civilisation have not yet been completely revealed," said Ibrahim Bakr, chairman of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation.

"The discovery was a shock", explained Zawi Hawass, general director of antiquities for the pyramids and sphinx.

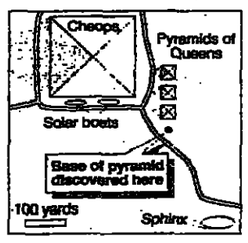
Three rows of massive blocks are today all that is left of the shape of the newly discovered small or "cult" pyramid which is estimated to have once stood 42ft high on a 400-square-metre base and been used for rituals connected with the pharaohs.

Ruins of the interior consist of no more than a small ramp leading to a burial chamber. Scores of building blocks have been dug up from sand and rocky debris beside the base which is sited at the south-eastern side of the plateau facing both Cheops's pyramid and those of his three queens.

"The discovery will greatly assist us in the interpretation of the Giza plateau and the history of King Cheops," said another Egyptologist. In ancient times, as now, the small pyramid was dwarfed by the Great Pyramid of Cheops which stands 445 ft.

Mr Hawass said there was evidence that Cheops's architects had planned to put the cult pyramid elsewhere. They changed their mind when they discovered the pyramid would stand in the way of a huge rampway for dragging massive building blocks up to the unfinished Great Pyramid.

The find has sparked a heated debate about the actual function of such cult pyramids. Some scholars maintain that they were built to serve as a conduit for the king's soul to exit and to accept gifts from believers. Other theories suggest that the small pyramids were constructed to hold the bodily organs of the pharaoh, or to keep the crowns of Lower and Upper Egypt as a sign of his kingship, or even as a place of a ceremony of virility, to prove the ageing pharaoh remained strong enough to rule.



Mr Hawass believes that Cheops's cult pyramid was once used in a ceremony marking the completion of his Great Pyramid and the monuments around it. After Cheops died, priests are believed to have left offerings at the newly discovered pyramid to keep his name alive forever.

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Israel lets aid reach deportees

FROM AFP IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL yesterday agreed to Red Cross demands that it should allow medicines and letters through to the expelled Palestinians stranded between Israeli and Lebanese controlled land in southern Lebanon.

The Red Cross will also bring back nine men who were deported in error. This week Israel admitted that 16 Palestinians were expelled by mistake; previously it had said the figure was ten. Last week a 16-year-old was returned to the West Bank and the Red Cross took a deportee to hospital in Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon.

Israel is facing a threat of United Nations sanctions unless it brings back all the deportees, who it claims are Muslim fundamentalist leaders and activists.

"The International Committee of the Red Cross [ICRC] has reached a compromise with the authorities which allows us to assure minimum humanitarian services," said Reto Meister, the ICRC chief delegate in Israel. An Israeli defence ministry spokesman said that the Red Cross could also "hand out forms to enable the Palestinians to appeal against their removal before a military committee".

At their camp near Marj az-Zahour, the Palestinians claimed that supplies were extremely low and that 38 men were ill. Abdul Aziz Rantisi, a spokesman for the Hamas Islamic Resistance Movement, said that aid brought by local villagers had stopped some days ago. The Lebanese army has blocked off supplies.

US flotilla sets out to turn back Haitians

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

AMERICAN Coast Guard cutters and navy vessels are on their way to the Caribbean to turn back a potential exodus of refugees in flimsy boats fleeing the political violence and extreme poverty of Haiti.

The announcement came a day after Bill Clinton, the president-elect, reversed an election campaign pledge to allow Haitian boat people to enter the United States to request political asylum. US officials fear the news may have come too late to prevent many from setting sail.

Admiral William Kime, of the US Coast Guard, said the operation was a precautionary measure "to save the lives of men, women and children [who] might be ill advised to leave Haiti at this time". The Coast Guard is deploying at least 12 large cutters and 12 aircraft and helicopters to patrol international waters. At least five US navy vessels are also being sent to the area.

Admiral Kime said the operation had been approved by both the Bush administration and the Clinton transition team. He said that US intelligence reports had indicated that as many as 200,000 Haitians could be preparing to leave Haiti, heading for south Florida. All refugee boats would be directed "to return to Haiti". If they failed to do so, Admiral Kime said, the boat people would be transferred to Coast Guard cutters and repatriated.

The Coast Guard has already picked up more than 1,000 Haitian refugees this month, and 176 were intercepted on board two vessels on Thursday night. Since President Aristide was ousted in September 1991, more than 40,000 Haitians have been intercepted at sea.

Mr Clinton's announcement on Thursday to maintain "for the time being" the Bush administration policy of summary repatriation of Haitian boat people received a mixed response from Haitians in the United States and in Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. There was disappointment, but also hope that Washington might now be more committed to restoring to power Father Aristide, the champion of Haiti's poor, who was swept to victory in Haiti's first democratic elections in 1990.

Jocelyn McCalla, of the New York-based National Coalition for Haitian Refugees, said: "We are shocked and dismayed that President-elect Clinton would go back on his word." A United Nations team led by Dante Caputo, a former Argentine foreign minister, has arrived in Haiti seeking agreement from Haiti's military for a multinational human rights observer force to visit.

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Aid worker shot dead

Somalis sign pact to disarm militias

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SOMALIA'S warring factions yesterday signed a pact to disarm their militias and end the fighting which has seen at least 300,000 people die from war and starvation.

Few Western diplomats, United Nations officials or Somalis believe, however, that the ceasefire will hold. The accord was signed by rival warlords Ali Mahdi Muhammad and Muhammad Farrah Aidid, hours after a Swiss Red Cross worker was shot dead in the southern town of Baidera.

General Aidid told the closing session of the talks in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital: "Somalia is not going to go on fighting. There will be no factional fighting and we shall try to resolve our differences through dialogue." However, the talks almost collapsed several times when he refused to attend a national reconciliation conference, planned for March 15, on an equal footing with his rivals. General Aidid wants his status to reflect the key role his militias played in overthrowing Mohamed Siad Barre in January. It was still unclear yesterday whether the conference would proceed.

Under the new accord, the factions will send their men to camps on the outskirts of large towns. The deal calls for their heavy arms to be placed under control of the American-led military force in Somalia.

The Swiss Red Cross administrator killed in Baidera on Thursday was named as Kurt Lustenberger, 32, of Lucerne. He was shot in the head when three Somalis burst into Red Cross living quarters and demanded money. He had been in Somalia for one month and was the second aid worker to be killed since American troops arrived on December 9.

Ian Williams, a British aid worker, described the wretchedness and danger of life in Somalia. A nurse and student at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, he has worked in Iraq and Sudan as well as Somalia. "Violence erupts at the snap of a finger. We had to have a gunman following us, to protect us, at all times. There was frequent shooting and of course I felt in danger," he said.

"When I was trying to deliver medicines to an area outside Kismayu, a car full of gunmen drew out in front of us. They wanted me to take some people along with us and there was a skirmish between our driver and the gunmen. Someone else had to take the wheel and drive us as quickly as possible back to the Red Cross office."

Mr Williams also spoke of people starving to death, although food was just feet away. "It is possible to get fat in a famine area," he said. "This may seem strange, but the markets have plenty of food, it is just that people do not have the money to pay for it. We aid workers were given a stipend to buy food, like camel meat, so we had enough to eat."

Words of comfort: a Muslim woman in a relief camp in Bombay yesterday consoles another whose husband was reported missing during riots and whose house was destroyed in a fire started by Hindu extremists

Rao pleads for end to communal violence

FROM REUTER IN BOMBAY

INDIA'S prime minister, P V. Narasimha Rao, yesterday gave a warning that the country was in danger of breaking apart if communal hatred that triggered ten days of Hindu-Muslim rioting in Bombay was allowed to spread.

"If this country forsakes secularism, it will break. I am absolutely convinced of that," Mr Rao told reporters after touring riot-hit areas of Bombay, where hundreds of shops, homes and cars have been set ablaze in violence that has left at least 500 dead.

The prime minister, 71, said that India had been disfigured by recent rioting which erupted after the destruction of a 16th-century mosque by Hindu militants in the northern town of Ayodhya last month.

In Delhi yesterday the extremist Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party announced a national campaign against the government, beginning with a mass rally next month.

Strike aims to topple Mobutu

FROM REUTER IN KINSHASA

HEAVILY armed troops patrolled the deserted streets of Zaire's capital yesterday at the start of a general strike called by an opposition movement bent on legal moves to impeach President Mobutu.

The president was in Morocco for a 48-hour visit as the campaign to end his 28-year reign gathered pace. On Thursday night the interim parliament, the High Council of the Republic, declared the president guilty of high treason. It said he would face trial in the supreme court unless he replied within eight days to accusations that he was undermining moves towards democracy in Zaire.

The Sacred Union, a coalition of anti-Mobutu parties, called for a one-week campaign of civil disobedience. Shops, banks and markets were closed in Kinshasa. Troops, backed by paramilitary civil guards, stood guard at strategic buildings. They tore down street barricades erected overnight, but by early morning no serious incidents had been reported.

The European Commission said yesterday that the interim government should be free to accomplish its mission without the president's interference. Belgium, America and France, the three Western powers leading efforts to prevent a breakdown of order in Zaire, agreed on Thursday to help put the economy back on the rails if President Mobutu did not hinder the move to democracy.

Pretoria sets up ANC deal

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE South African government and the African National Congress will start five days of bilateral talks next week, generating optimism in the country about the possibility of rapid progress towards constitutional reform.

Multilateral constitutional negotiations, which ground to a halt last April, are expected to be resumed next month. The bilateral meeting, in Cape Town, is expected to endorse proposals for legislation establishing transition to a fully democratic government, and for setting up a series of transitional executive councils to oversee the calling of elections to a constitutional assembly either by the end of this year or early in 1994.

This week the two sides approved the idea that any deals reached next week will be binding, and that all agreements reached at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa up to April last year be accepted.

Once an election date is set and supervisory machinery is instituted, Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, will consider asking the ANC to call an end to all sanctions still bedevilling the country's international financial relations. None of these agreements will please the Concerned South Africans Group, led by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the chief minister of KwaZulu, which is an association linking the nominally independent homelands and the right wing of the white community.

Japanese read love between the lines

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

AN ELDERLY lady clutched a moist handkerchief to her ample bosom and released a long and tremulous sigh. Her small neighbour involuntarily emitted a loud and breathy squeal and two dozen gasps of delight rose from the crowd gathered in front of a Tokyo television showroom yesterday where 16 Sony colour screens were tuned in to the impassive face of Crown Prince Naruhito.

Japan's favourite bachelor and heir to the Chrysanthemum Throne, who last week enchanted the nation with news of his engagement to Masako Owada, 29, was taking part in the imperial household's annual poetry party. Every year the arts and culture division of the Imperial Household Agency selects a nature-related theme on which the emperor and his family must produce a 30-syllable *waka* poem.

This year's theme is "the sky" and, while most members of the imperial family dutifully applied themselves to suitably celestial creations, the efforts of the Crown Prince, 32, were judged by spectators to be redolent with greater and more enticing significance. His poem said: "I gave with delight, As the flock of cranes takes flight, Into the blue skies. The dream cherished in my heart, Since my boyhood has come true."

"Our Crown Prince really is in love, there is no doubt about that. And we are all very happy for him," murmured a starry-eyed Seiko Yoshinuma. The poetry ritual dates back to the 13th century, but is watched on television by millions as a kind of Japanese version of the Queen's Christmas message.

Coaches are summoned to the palace to advise on content, phrasing and syntax and calligraphy experts offer guidance on brushwork. However, the Crown Prince is believed to have had more influence this year than ever before.

Owada: engaged to the Crown Prince

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Alexander Chancellor in New York

■ The distinction between a mugger and a beggar in Manhattan is *becoming rather blurred*

The Concise Oxford definition of to mug is to "thrash: strangle: rob with violence, especially in a public place". The Webster definition is somewhat less dramatic, but nevertheless insists that a mugging should involve at least some degree of violence. So whatever happened to me in West 44th Street last month was certainly not a mugging.

I was walking at 8.30pm along this somewhat deserted street when a young black man in a leather jacket blocked my path and said in a tense, even frantic, voice: "I am unemployed. I am desperate. Please give me money." Before I had decided how to reply, although only a few seconds had passed, he had become angry. "I'm talking to you," he said with sudden aggression. "I'm talking to you." I reached into my trouser pocket, extracted what turned out to be a $10 bill, and handed it to him. But he was not to be so easily placated. He put his hand inside his jacket and said: "I know you have money in your wallet. I have a knife. Don't make me use it on you. Take out your wallet. Give me all the money in it — *all* of it — and there will be no problem. You will go your way, and I will go mine." I did as I was told. I took out my wallet and gave him all the money it contained ($200, unfortunately; it was Friday and I had just stocked up for the weekend).

> Apparently, you should hand over all the money you have to anyone who asks for it

True to his word, he took the money and went on his way. I also went on mine, feeling perhaps a little shaken, but predominantly grateful that he had not also deprived me of my driving licence and credit cards. I even began to feel that I had struck a rather favourable bargain.

But when I have described this incident to New Yorkers — something I have done with self-indulgent frequency — I have been astonished and gratified by their reactions. Almost without exception, they have (1) shown boundless fascination with every detail; (2) insisted, against all the evidence, that I have been well and truly mugged; and (3) congratulated me on my good sense in acceding without argument to the young man's demands. "But how do I know he had a knife?" I say, hoping that someone at least will suspect me of cowardice. "Oh, you can never be too careful," they reply. "He was probably a crack addict."

On reflection, I think it highly unlikely he was a crack addict. I even doubt if he had a weapon. I think he may well have been just a spur-of-the-moment beggar who only decided to pose as a mugger when he realised that he might get more money that way. One can hardly blame him, given the conventional wisdom of the New York middle class. This states that you should always hand over all the money you have to anybody who asks for it, if he does so in an even slightly menacing way. Further conventional advice concerns prevention and damage limitation: cross the road if you don't like the look of the person coming towards you, carry only modest amounts of money on you, smile cheerfully if accosted.

There are certainly a lot of weirdos and desperadoes roaming the streets of New York with whom it would be rash to seek a confrontation. But the distinction between a mugger and a beggar is beginning to become rather blurred. There are still beggars who say "God bless you, sir" if you hand them a quarter. And the advice you are generally given is to treat all of them — good beggars, bad beggars, phoney muggers, real muggers — in much the same manner as you are treated by the bank's cash dispenser when you demand money from it with your plastic card. "Hello," the computer says on the little screen. "How can I help you?" You tap in your request for $200. "I'm working on it," the computer replies. Eventually the cash spews out. "It's always a pleasure to serve you," the computer concludes.

Far more frightening than the incident on 44th Street, was one that happened to me when I was living in Washington DC. I was walking down a dark and empty street in the middle of the city when I noticed that a large black man was approaching from the opposite direction. As he drew nearer, I began to wonder whether I should cross the street, but I felt ashamed at the thought: he had done nothing whatsoever to arouse suspicion. But as I continued walking in his direction, and he in mine, I found that my heart was racing. I told myself there was no reason for fear, and yet my anxiety grew. His footsteps grew louder, my heart beat still faster, until finally we came face to face. Then, with great suddenness, he waved his arms violently in the air, and let out a terrifying roar. I thought my heart would stop, but he did not even pause. He just walked on by, chuckling contentedly.

Feeling not only a nervous wreck but also a complete idiot, I took myself home and poured myself an enormous drink. A long time has passed since then, but that experience remains much more vivid in my memory than my recent financial transaction in midtown Manhattan.

The author edits The New Yorker's *"Talk of the Town".*

Alan Clark replies to the storm that his view of Churchill's leadership has provoked

Historians who go to war with hindsight

It is in the nature of revisionism that, at its outset, it can be depicted as heresy — as I warned in my original article on John Charmley's book *Churchill: the End of Glory* (January 2). And there has been not a little personal abuse — usually the recourse of those too lazy, or too ignorant to make rational debate. Let us at least agree that the indignation with which a particular argument is greeted is normally a good measure of its effectiveness.

My critics are indignant, and rightly so, at the notion of Britain "suing for peace" in May 1940. But this I emphatically rejected. As I said, it would have been a liquidator's audit. And it cannot often enough be repeated, that in May 1940 Britain was saved by Churchill's courage, single-mindedness and political skill.

Who was opposing him? The Foreign Office, and its secretary of state, Lord Halifax (the presence of proceeding through Mussolini's arbitration was a typical piece of Whitehall "grandmother's footsteps"), a substantial body of Conservative MPs, the Independent Labour Party, all communists (who took their orders from Stalin) and their fellow-travellers in the unions, and a good number of senior civil servants. These were the real appeasers, and there were plenty of them.

A distinguished protester on *The Times* Letters page, Lord Gladwyn, wrote that "the very idea [sic] that we could have contemplated [sic] ... such a deal ... is repugnant" (January 9). Well, in May 1940 that same Lord Gladwyn — at the time what is today called a "fast-streamer" in the civil service — wrote a report on his meeting with an Italian diplomat to prepare the negotiations. In an annexe he added: "*Personally* I should have thought it might be advisable ... *to try something like this.*" (My italics).

I know that the English language is a flexible instrument, but here we seemed to have moved from an "idea" to a "deal", from "contemplating" to "recommending".

The main reason that Lord Gladwyn claims now to be repelled by the idea, he says, is because of the Nazi regime's attitude to "Jews, Poles, Russians, gypsies". Yet there is

no mention — I mean none — in cabinet or committee minutes, or in internally circulated policy papers at any time before 1943, or in "war aims" afterwards, of the plight of these unfortunate minorities.

The sole consideration was the survival of the British nation state. This is what guided my own estimation and it would, I suggest have been better served by a stand-off agreement in the spring of 1941.

Of course Hitler's word, his signature on a treaty, was valueless. But observance of treaty obligations, as we still find today, is no more than a reflection of the signatories' national interest, as they see it at the time.

In March 1945, Hitler told Bormann that " ... in the skies over Britain she had proved her valour. We had each of us triumphed over a Latin race. What mattered [in 1941] was the World balance of Power, not the European. Pitt would have seen this, Churchill could not."

It is incontestable that had the war stopped in 1941 Britain would have been richer, stronger and more of her people would have been alive than was the case in 1945. I think we could have insisted on a demilitarisation of Norway and the Low Countries and a withdrawal from the French Atlantic seaboard. The game can be played endlessly. But, as William Waldegrave pointed out in his letter (January 12) there was only one true determinant that would decide the fate not just of Britain, but of Western liberal values — who first would harness nuclear fission to a weapon?

I recognise that hindsight is an infinitely dangerous and seductive instrument. Yet history is sterile if we condemn speculation because it offends the susceptibilities of some, or is "politically incorrect". So I am content to let Churchill himself — hero, orator and poet — arbitrate:

"It is not given to human beings, happily for them, to foresee or to predict to any large extent the unfolding course of events. In one phase men seem to have been right, in another they seem to have been wrong. Then again, a few years later, when the perspective of time has lengthened, all stands in a different setting. There is a new proportion. There is another scale of values. History with its flickering lamps stumbles along the trail of the past trying ... to kindle with pale gleams the passion of former days."

The occasion? Neville Chamberlain's funeral in November 1940.

The price of a free press

Newspapers are essentially about intrusion of lives

The paparazzi in full cry: journalism, like politics, has never been a genteel calling but curbing it with yet another law is unjustified

First things first. I am against a new commission with power to stop newspapers publishing a truth about somebody merely because privacy is breached. I am glad the government has rejected Sir David Calcutt's advice to set up such a commission.

Why then did I sign the original "Calcutt One" report (1990) which said that, if the press failed to put its house in order, such a tribunal should indeed be set up? The answer is that I do not think the press's house is in worse disorder than it was before 1990. Readers whose mouths drop open must bear with me.

A great pile of cant is now heaped atop last week's "Calcutt Two" debate. Top of the pile are the newspapers themselves. It is humbug for them (us) to deride self-regulation for lawyers, bankers, doctors, insurers, estate agents but to scream fascist, dark ages, state control — at any hint that press self-regulation might be less than perfect. Last week the papers cheered to the skies Richard Branson's humiliation of Lord King. The means of that humiliation were libel laws that the press never ceases to castigate when used against itself.

There is no inherent wrong in laws controlling the press: many exist already. Those on libel are being reformed. Privacy laws exist in other democracies. America has privacy and "false light" laws without a noticeably worse press than Britain. Statutory enforcement of a code of good practice is in itself no more state censorship than is the Broadcasting Complaints Commission, the Advertising Standards Authority or a dozen other statutory tribunals.

Nor can it help the press cause wilfully to misread Calcutt Two. It does not ban investigative journalism. Calcutt One proposed extending the criminal law to cover certain uses of telephoto lenses and bugging devices: it said reporters and photographers who intrude on people's private property should explain how the community benefits from the intrusion, or be guilty of an offence. Publication of the resulting material would not be an offence, only the intrusion if unwarranted. The famous *Times* bugging of corrupt policemen — much cited this week as "impossible under Calcutt" — is as clear a case of a defensible investigation as I can imagine.

All of this was in Calcutt One and has yet to be implemented by an inert government. But what of Calcutt Two's second proposal, the notorious tribunal? The 1990 committee said that a statutory tribunal would be triggered, first if the press failed to support the Press Complaints Commission and second, if there was "less than overwhelming" compliance with the PCC and/or "a total collapse in standards".

Sir David now believes that the PCC has been dominated by its press members and is thus spineless. He also says that the Ashdown, Mellor, Bottomley, Morton affairs and the royal phones taps indeed indicate a collapse in standards. He therefore had no option but to advise that the tribunal route be activated.

I disagree. The PCC may seem spineless, but largely because it drew itself so limited a remit. Lord McGregor's bizarre public agonising over whether Princess Diana did or did not sponsor the Morton biography was neither here nor there. What baffled many people was his silence on the tapes. Publishing the tapes was the most glaring "unwarranted" intrusion imaginable. As long as the royal family neither complained nor sued, it seemed that the PCC would say nothing and self-regulation seemed dead. But that failing surely reflected a particular cast of victims and regulators, not self-regulation itself.

Thus neither more vigorous self-regulation nor stronger criminal sanction have been seriously tried. But that does not mean that Calcutt One was ineffective. Following the horror libel cases of the 1980s, such as Elton John's £1 million from *The Sun*, newspapers have unquestionably been more careful. There are now in-house ombudsmen, complaint lines, correction columns and, yes, even the PCC. Both complaints to newspapers and libel writs are down as much as 40 per cent on two years ago. Even complaints of the most common intrusion, into private grief, have fallen.

There are still bad intrusions, such as the apalling treatment of Leslie Crowther's family. Politicians also suffer, for instance the largely fabricated stories about David Mellor and Norman Lamont. But politicians have long been treated thus, and often perjure themselves before libel juries in response. Journalism and politics were never genteel callings. Even the most robust rules get broken. Has the MPs' register of interests "totally collapsed" because some MPs abuse it?

What has lately blinded all reason is a single incident, the troubles in the Wales's marriage. I break only a mild confidence to recall that, during Calcutt One, we predicted this one event might test self-regulation to destruction. There was no way any detail, however intimate, of such a tragedy would not break surface somehow and enter the public domain. Newspapers would be seen at their most frantic, most tasteless, most craven. No law known to man would withstand the onslaught. No holds would be barred. Papers have indeed plumbed new depths. I never thought "quality" editors would seriously consider printing transcripts of anybody's intimate telephone conversations, as some are reportedly doing this weekend. This is not public interest journalism but pornography. Of course if a blue movie flashed up in the middle of *News at Ten* viewing figures would soar. But intimate phone conversations are as personal as pictures of love-making. To justify publishing them on the grounds that these are "public figures", that they "should be more careful", that "we kept out the blue bits", or that "we've read it, so how can we deny it to our readers?" is indeed cant. If private fax lines are humming from Australia let them; they are today's version of the schoolboy's brown envelope from Olympia Press.

Why not just admit that sex sells papers, as it sells movies or plays or novels: sex as court report, sex as fashion picture, sex nowadays as royal revelation? Judging how and how much sex to give in what sort of newspaper is a cruel test of editorial skill. When it involves a royal family, the only conceivable constraint is taste, but I bet every editor in town will breathe a sigh of relief when the tapes saga is over.

If ever there was a classic of hard cases making bad law, this is it. Newspapers are essentially about intrusion. The victims are usually, though not always, those who have voluntarily put themselves in the public eye. Where the intrusion is unjustified — a fiendishly hard boundary to define — those who suffer are mostly those best equipped to survive the shock.

A rumbustious, irresponsible press is on balance a good not an evil, but it has its price. Its evils are among the accidents of democracy. Unwarranted intrusions are neither so widespread nor so increasing as to merit yet another law, yet another court, yet another opportunity for litigation, yet another move to take all risk out of public or even private life. Accidents will happen, law or no law. People will sometimes get hurt.

But there is something that government can already do to remedy the "worst excesses of the press". It can see that the original Calcutt report is implemented. That might save a deal of bother.

Simon Jenkins

In a bowler hat

WHERE self-regulation has failed, statutory control should be brought in. That at least is what Sir David Calcutt concludes in his report into the the newspaper industry.

But his view on legal intervention is rather different when he is considering somewhat more familiar territory — the City. For wearing his alternative hat of chairman of the Takeover Panel, Calcutt is the staunchest advocate of — wait for it — self-regulation.

This fondness for the light touch of self-control emerges from answers Calcutt gave to the Commons trade and industry select committee on the work of the Takeover Panel in March 1991. Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat MP, questioned Calcutt on whether the work of the panel might be enhanced if it became a statutory body.

Calcutt was emphatic: "One has to look at the entire picture to see whether we would be better off with something statutorily based than not. I personally believe we would be worse off." Of the present system Calcutt said: "I do believe it is a system which works and in which I personally have faith."

Campbell perservered. "What would the Panel have to fear from a statutory framework?" Calcutt responded: "It has nothing to fear in the narrow sense. What it does have to fear is that you would have the Panel, instead of being master of its own house, subject to cases which might be dealt with in a contemporaneous context rather than historical: the greater the involvement of the courts, the lack of flexibility, the lack of certainty in decisions and the speed."

Kenneth Warren, the then chairman, in a line which could have straight from the Calcutt's new report, pressed Calcutt on whether the self-regulatory Panel, originally set up by the Bank of England, had sufficient powers? Calcutt said. "... I do not believe I require additional powers or an alteration of the basis upon which the Panel operates ... The characteristics of the Panel we have at the moment, and, being master in its own house, it has the flexibility to adapt the Code as circumstances may require."

Lord McGregor, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, could not have put it better himself.

DIARY

Dies irae

GEORGE Carey had better watch out. The Movement for a Continuing Church of England, which holds its annual meeting today, is pushing for his excommunication. In front of senior members of other traditional churches, Michael Mowbray Silver, one of the movement's co-ordinators, will suggest that the "most logical step to preserving our faith and rebuilding a true Church of England would be to excommunicate the Archbishop of Canterbury".

Mowbray Silver and the rest of the MCCE, which numbers "2,000 members, and rising", is pushing for an "orthodox Church of England. "Women priests are the last straw."

To undertake excommunication, he claims, a willing bishop must be found. "There are a lot of bishops who are sympathetic to our cause but getting them to do anything about it is a different matter. They speak out in private but do nothing in public."

Such posturing does not worry Lambeth Palace. Says a spokeswoman: "There is no machinery within the Church of England for excommunication — that went out with the Reformation."

It's very you, darling

Secret success

WITH electronic bugging back in vogue, there could not be a better time for Jonathan Aitken to launch his already acclaimed biography of Richard Nixon. In *Nixon, The Life*, Aitken dwells on the former president's successful re-entry on to the world stage at the Oxford Union in 1978.

But unknown to the author, the man who invited Nixon to Oxford was one of the guests at the party held at Aitken's home on Thursday evening.

At the time Alan Duncan, now Conservative MP for Rutland and Melton, was 21 and about to launch an unsuccessful bid for the presidency of the Oxford Union. Anticipating that the union's top job was already his, Duncan, the union's treasurer, invited Nixon to make his first overseas speaking engagement since his resignation. Nixon accepted. Duncan was defeated.

The victor, Daniel Moylan, these days a councillor in Kensington, confirmed the invitation. It was at Oxford that Nixon declared: "I screwed it up and paid the price."

Despite living in the adjoining Westminster street to Aitken, Duncan was relaxed about not being mentioned in the book, which has earned the author an approving fax from Nixon's daughter, Julie. "Jonathan could never have known," says Duncan. "Hardly anyone did. I was thrilled Daniel went ahead with the invitation. The event began the international rehabilitation of Richard Nixon."

Social climbing

REASSURING news for modern-day Stanleys and Livingstones. The old-boy network is alive and well in Bhutan, the tiny Himalayan kingdom sandwiched between India and Tibet. A six-man British expedition organised by Colonel John Blashford-Snell's Scientific Exploration Society is to spend two months in Bhutan from April 1 and will climb Masagang, a 24,000ft peak on the Tibetan border.

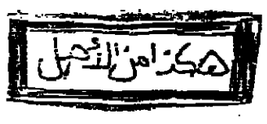
Normally, Bhutan allows only a trickle of tourists each year but this expedition is different. Julian Freeman-Attwood, the expedition leader, has been busily pulling strings, albeit rather distant ones. A friend of his mother went to school in England with Her Royal Highness Ashi Kesang, the mother of Bhutan's king Jigme Singye Wangchuck.

Freeman-Attwood is unrepentant about using his family connections. "It still costs a fortune to go but if we had no connection we might not have even got a reply. As it was we got a reply within the week."

No more flowering

THE radio career of Professor Laurie Taylor, York University's professor of sociology, may be fading. Until last year he was a regular contributor on Radio 4's *Stop the Week*. Then it was axed. This summer sees the end of *The Radio Programme*, which Taylor has presented since its began six years ago.

This is disappointing, doubly so given that Taylor and the BBC director-general John Birt went to the same school — St Mary's College, Liverpool. Taylor, however, is older and left the before Birt arrived. He says he has never met *him*, "apart from perhaps once in the BBC lift". Taylor hopes radio commissions will still interrupt senior common-room life. "It's so nice to have a change from people talking about hydrangeas."



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PAST THE FIRST POST

Next: a free Commons vote on a Maastricht referendum

Supporters of the Campaign for a British Referendum on Maastricht will have a spring in their step as they march from Hyde Park to Westminster tomorrow. The Deputy Speaker ruled this week that an amendment at the close of the bill's committee stage would not, after all, be out of order as ministers have argued. The amendment would allow the Maastricht bill to enter into force, but then require the Secretary of State to lay an order for a confirmatory referendum.

A small victory for principle over procedure has been scored. The ruling ensures that the House of Commons, not ministers, will decide whether a referendum would really endanger the fabric of parliamentary democracy. The allegedly unthinkable will be debated. This news is good in itself, even though it does not mean that a referendum is likely to be held.

The government's opposition to a referendum is unchanged, as is the Labour leadership's. The vote will not be for two months or more, but unless the political arithmetic changes, the indications are that the amendment will be defeated. The government's hairline majority in last November's paving debate is irrelevant to the expected line-up. That debate was effectively a confidence motion, ensuring that Labour was solidly united in opposition. On the question of a referendum, there may be even more Tory rebels, but ministers anticipate a comfortable majority. Mr Major, confident for once that the Labour leadership will suffer more acutely than the government from backbench trouble, is expected to have the whips out in force.

Such party political calculations smack of the myopia, even the opportunism, that has disfigured the entire Maastricht debate. No British political leader disputes that the Maastricht treaty has important constitutional implications. None can deny that opposition to these constitutional changes cuts, as it does elsewhere in Europe, clean across party traditions and loyalties.

If John Major really believes that he can wholeheartedly recommend the treaty, he should not need to whip his supporters. Still less should he evade a direct appeal to the voters that would surely establish his credentials as the prime minister who wants to bring government closer to the people.

Sanctimonious ministerial statements about the sovereignty of Parliament sit ill with the government's determination to control debate on a treaty that would materially modify the exercise of that sovereignty. As for Labour, John Smith's reward for applying the party whip would probably be a revolt by 70 or 80 Labour MPs, hardly an advertisement for the unity for which he has sacrificed whatever radicalism about Labour reforms he possessed.

There is time for both men to reflect on the merits of a free vote on the amendment, given the strength of feeling in the country. Before repeating that the general election gave them a mandate on Maastricht, they should note that eight out of ten voters, according to yesterday's Gallup poll in the *Daily Telegraph*, confess to ignorance of the treaty's meaning, that only 6 per cent believe they have been properly consulted and that 71 per cent want a referendum.

If a free vote is denied, MPs who support Maastricht should remind themselves when they vote that this treaty has divided governors from the governed across Western Europe. A healthy democracy depends on the assent of the governed. The 1975 referendum effectively ended national doubts about Britain's membership of the European Community. Denied their say, voters are becoming steadily more suspicious of Maastricht's leap into what, for most, is the unknown. That can only hinder much-needed public debate on a post-Maastricht British agenda for Europe.

A full national debate could enlist the support of a majority — the more so, if party leaders were seen to have accepted the need for one. Maastricht should be an open book to ordinary people, and this could be achieved only by the publicity and debate attendant on a referendum campaign. Each voter has at least the right to know how his or her MP stands. That is the argument for a free vote in Parliament. It is also, by extension, an argument for allowing the country to make up its own mind.

LANDMARK IN ARMS CONTROL

The ban on chemical weapons can and must work

There is never a perfect answer to arms proliferation. The Chemical Weapons Convention, which was opened for signature in Paris this week, is not a perfect document. But it sets a precedent. It is the first treaty in history to ban the development, production, stockpiling, transfer and use of an entire category of weapons and lay down a regime to verify whether countries are cheating.

For this the world has to thank not only the ending of the Cold war, but President Saddam Hussein: It was Saddam's use of chemical weapons first against Iran and then against Iraqi Kurds, and his threat to use them in the 1991 Gulf war, that overrode governments' remaining reservations. It has taken 94 years since the first Hague conference on chemical weapons, and 68 since their use (but not their possession) was outlawed under the 1925 Geneva protocol to reach this landmark. The convention has been sponsored by 144 nations and signed by the first 125: if it works, it should make a similarly comprehensive ban on biological weapons politically feasible.

On purely technical grounds, the new UN agency which will be set up to police the ban will have a formidable task. Detecting the secret production of chemical agents or precursors is far harder than finding out whether countries are diverting nuclear materials to military uses. Any modern petrochemical plant can produce lethal chemicals, and pesticides are commonly used as a base. As was discovered in Iraq and Libya, aerial intelligence is all but useless. Poverty is no deterrent to production: these weapons really are the "poor man's atom bomb".

The rules governing UN inspection add to these difficulties. Ideally, suspect installations should be subject to inspection without warning, "at any time, in any place", as President Bush proposed in 1984. But America then had second thoughts about the threat this could pose to commercial as well as military secrets, and the treaty now gives governments up to five days to negotiate the terms of UN access. This is long enough to shroud equipment, remove documents, shut down computers and hide components. But it is not long enough to dismantle a plant with any regard to safety.

Cheating will not therefore be impossible; but on any scale, it will be difficult. There rests the problem of non-signatories. Absent from Paris were not only North Korea and Vietnam, but most of the Arab states — including Iraq, Syria, Egypt and Libya — thought to be among the 20 states that possess chemical weapons. The Arabs' excuse is that Israel must first sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and give up the nuclear arsenal it is known to possess. Israel, which has signed this convention, says it is ready to agree a ban on all weapons of mass destruction in the region, but only as part of an overall peace settlement.

Since Abyssinia in 1936, the Middle East is the only theatre in which these weapons have been used. Its people should be spared the consequences of such foolhardy posturing by some members of the Arab League. The treaty denies non-signatories access to a wide range of chemicals vital to industry. This is a potentially effective sanction. The West, which helped build Iraq's chemical weapons industry, must ensure that this international ban is rigorously policed.

PYRAMIDALLY EXTANT

Ruins need protection from man, the builder and redeveloper

Man is an absent-minded animal. He forgets anniversaries, loses keys and credit cards, and leaves more substantial and inexplicable packages behind in railway carriages. But to mislay a pyramid is heroic absent-mindedness: worthy of a giant.

As pyramids go, the new one that has been discovered at Giza is a prawn between lobsters. The point of pyramids is that they are very old and very big. The Great Pyramid of Cheops is the greatest single building ever erected by man, leaving out of account such problematic erections as the Tower of Babel and such horizontal extensions as the Great Wall of China. Its base area is big enough to hold St Peter's at Rome, the cathedrals of Florence and Milan, Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral. Other buildings excite the imagination and feed the eye with detail. With pyramids the attractions are size and age. They proclaim that Mr Big was here once, and that lesser mortals should look on his building-sites and despair.

The cult pyramid just uncovered is a pygmy beside its big brother, large enough to contain only the Albert Memorial and supply the material to build a wall round Kensington Gardens. But even a petty pyramid is an exciting resurrection.

What has preserved this new pyramid for more like 46 centuries, *pace* Napoleon, has been the sands of the Nile. The other Wonders of the Ancient World have vanished because they have been recycled or crumbled into dust. Remoteness or burial are the best protectors of buildings from man the redeveloper. Pompei and the wall paintings of Thera survive only because they were buried under volcanic ash for centuries. Now they are rapidly being eroded by mass tourism. Stonehenge, after being ignored on a muddy plain for most of its existence, now has to be fenced off from the coachloads.

It may not be doing either Cheops or his little pyramid a kindness to have recovered it from the sand. Once a ruin has been uncovered, it starts to decay through contact with the pollution and traffic of this mortal world. The Sphinx lost its nose long ago, and there is radical debate about whether the beast was nasally negroid or nilotic. Chephren's pyramid next door has lost most of its casing of limestone. The only way to protect even pyramids from the contagion of a crowded world is to rebury them. Unesco should introduce a policy of rotation of ancient monuments, as of crops. As a new pyramid is uncovered to take its turn for the tourists, an old pyramid should be reburied to preserve it with deep-freeze archaeology for generations 40 centuries from now.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Calcutt: an unreasonable restriction or a necessary curb on press freedom?

From Viscount Rothermere, Chairman, Daily Mail and General Trust plc

Sir, In *The Times* for January 13 you refer to Lord McGregor's statement in his letter to Sir David Calcutt, QC, that I had warned him that the royal couple had each recruited newspapers to carry their own account of their marriage rift. Lord McGregor has agreed with me that I never stated this. He says he used this form of words as "shorthand" for what I actually said.

In fact I informed him from information at my disposal that it appeared to me that the royal couple were seeking to use newspapers to present their own cases and that this was extremely dangerous for the monarchy and for the newspapers and would present particular difficulties for the Press Complaints Commission. Had the prince or the princess attempted to forge any formal links with our newspapers they would naturally have contacted myself as proprietor or my editor-in-chief, who would have immediately informed me. Of course they did neither and I would have been totally astonished if they had.

Lord McGregor was not influenced by my "overstating the case" as your report, "Camp followers became media messengers to fuel battle royal in the press" (January 13), suggests, as I did not overstate it.

As regards the Calcutt report, which is the cause of the publication of my private conversation, the proposals therein provide a ready-made tool for any potential dictator, particularly as we have no constitution and no enacted Bill of Rights to protect the citizens.

Millions of our countrypeople gave their lives, their health and happiness in two world wars for the defence of democracy. It is a sad state indeed that now our precious freedom could be put in jeopardy by a blinkered lawyer, two sad, lost aristocrats, politicians who have been most fairly and others most unfairly attacked by the press, and the advent of a proletarian press, which, although it occurred during the last war, has not yet been understood apparently by the academic classes.

We should be grateful that our prime minister seems to have grasped the difference between political realities and social unrealities.

Yours faithfully,
ROTHERMERE,
Chairman,
Daily Mail and General Trust, plc,
Northcliffe House, 2 Derry Street,
Kensington, W8.
January 15.

From Mr Richard Hamilton

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg (January 11) is right to say that to allow any government to restrict the power of the press would be "madness". However, the manner in which newspapers print apologies and corrections surely must be reviewed, as the Calcutt report makes clear.

The television programme *Hard News* has highlighted many cases where a front-page story in a tabloid newspaper has come close to destroying the individual(s) concerned. Apologies are often tucked away. They surely should be given the same prominence as the original story.

Newspapers must be called to account and made fully to apologise for their errors and mistakes. It would, in my opinion, be inexcusable for the government not to implement this recommendation.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HAMILTON,
148 Chastilian Road, Dartford, Kent.
January 15.

From Mr Harry Spencer-Smith

Sir, How depressing to read (Modern Times, January 14) that the main reasons editors would not publish an alleged private phone conversation of the Prince of Wales seemed to be that they could not be sure of the tape's authenticity or their paper's legal position. Only a small handful of the 25 mentioned ethical grounds or said that it would simply be wrong to go ahead with such a gross invasion of privacy where no clear public interest is involved.

What does this say about the values of those who determine what we read?

Yours sincerely,
HARRY SPENCER-SMITH,
36a Walham Grove, SW6.
January 14.

From Mr Kenneth Wollaston

Sir, In reply to Dr John D. Baston (letter, January 14) I would suggest that every citizen deserves protection from peeping toms and electronic bugging of private telephone conversations. Invasion of privacy has nothing to do with censorship or support for a free press.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH WOLLASTON,
89 West Street, Corfe Castle, Dorset.
January 14.

From Mr Andrew Currey

Sir, I feel ashamed that my own countrymen and women in apparently large numbers pay, when buying certain newspapers or telephoning to hear recordings, for the collection by stealth and the publication of private conversations and activities where no criminal investigation was involved.

It is their money that rewards those who collect, publish and record. It is the buyers of those papers, not the editors, who *most* deserve the contempt of decent people.

If we want the holders of high office to be the best available, with impeccable reputations in public, they must be allowed to let off steam, within the law, in private.

Yours truly,
ANDREW CURREY,
Mill House, Santon, Isle of Man.
January 15.

From Mr D. J. Cassell

Sir, Undoubtedly there will be a public-interest defence for the media on infringements of privacy, but this will depend on what a judge considers is or is not in the public interest. There will be so much uncertainty that serious investigative journalism — an increasingly necessary commodity these days — may well be endangered.

Each year legislation in one form or another imposes reporting restrictions, so that in the past eight years it has been necessary to update McNae's *Essential Law for Journalists* no fewer than four times.

Yours sincerely,
D. J. CASSELL
(Chairman, Law Board,
National Council for the Training of Journalists),
Scearnwood Cottage,
Limpsfield Chart, Oxted, Surrey.

From the Principal of Hertford College, Oxford

Sir, I write concerning the Calcutt report. The core of the problem is financial: in an attempt to stem diminishing circulations newspapers are tempted to invade privacy and publish the results in a way that most people seem to find offensive.

The cure of the problem could also be financial but in a form slightly different from that proposed in Calcutt's report. Power could be given to impose a standard fine when a newspaper's behaviour is excessive, where the standard fine is merely the price of the newspaper multiplied by its circulation.

This a simple formula that is readily understandable because it is proportional to the profit that the newspaper is making out of its offensive action, and would enable the newspaper to calculate the financial risk of taking such action.

It would not muzzle the press because any issue that really was in the public interest could be appropriately defended before the proposed tribunal, or an appeal court if necessary.

Yours faithfully,
E. C. ZEEMAN,
Principal, Hertford College, Oxford.

From Mr Frederick W. Hodgson

Sir, In addition to dealing with complaints from the public the Press Council, which was set up in 1953 following recommendations by the 1947-9 Royal Commission on the Press, was given the duty "to preserve the established freedom of the press".

The Calcutt committee's report in May 1990 made no such provision in its proposal to replace the Press Council by a Press Complaints Commission. In accepting the report, the then home secretary, Mr David Waddington, deprived the press of a valuable champion which could and did stand up for it against governments.

Sir David Calcutt now proposes to replace the scarcely fledged complaints commission by stiffer laws and a statutory complaints tribunal with draconian powers. Is it any wonder that editors are angry and fearful?

Yours sincerely,
F. W. HODGSON
(Author, *Modern Newspaper Practice*),
Fig Tree Cottage,
Ninfield, Battle, East Sussex.
January 15.

From the Reverend Giles Hunt

Sir, If, as appears, speculation about the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales was engineered, it shows how easily the media can be manipulated — not because editors are naive (a more street-wise profession would be hard to imagine) but because the sheer commercial profit of being the first to publish juicy gossip makes them suppress any doubts that might otherwise surface.

Yours faithfully,
GILES HUNT,
The Cottage,
The Fairstead, Cley, Holt, Norfolk.

From Mr F. N. Cogswell

Sir, So the press, rather than being intrusive, has allowed itself to be manipulated. Surely this abject failure of its responsibility makes it more in need of regulation rather than less.

Yours faithfully,
F. N. COGSWELL,
10 Latimer Lane,
Guisborough, Cleveland.

Day for Democracy

From Dr Alan Sked

Sir, Lord Blake's arguments for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty ("Europe needs a mandate", January 15) are fine as far as they go. But they do not go far enough. His committee apparently accepts that the independence of this country could be surrendered after a 51 per cent vote, whatever proportion of the electorate bothered to turn out.

Surely such a fundamental alteration to our constitution could be allowed only if approved by a two-thirds majority? Scotland in 1979, it should be remembered, was denied home rule, despite a 52 per cent vote in favour in the referendum of that year, because a safeguard clause had been written into the relevant Act. That clause prevented the break-up of the United Kingdom. The independence of the United Kingdom should now require an even stronger safeguard clause, should a new referendum on Europe be conceded.

Lord Blake's committee is really more concerned with Tory party unity than this country's sovereignty. Responding to its appeal, therefore, might only trigger off a referendum campaign rigged from the start against the anti-federalists. That is why the Anti-Federalist League will not be marching on Sunday, unless Lord Blake endorses the need for a 67 per cent majority.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN SKED
(Chairman, Anti-Federalist League),
Flat 3, Aberdeen Court,
68 Aberdeen Park, N5.
January 15.

From Mr Peter Lewis

Sir, It is a matter of deep concern that those who take a pro-Maastricht position and also favour a referendum feel constrained from speaking out at the Day for Democracy rally in London on Sunday. I still hope that some of them will change their minds.

Paddy Ashdown, MP, for instance, who has spoken in the House in favour of a referendum, has written to me that he cannot accept our invitation to appear because he fears that "the occasion is likely to be so dominated, for good or ill, by the anti-Maastricht case".

As Lord Blake, our president, makes clear in his article today, such caution inhibits calls for a popular vote by reinforcing that domination. The Day for Democracy intends to display that a popular vote is necessary and desirable *for both sides*.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LEWIS (Chairman),
The Campaign for a British Referendum,
PO Box 194, Richmond, Surrey.
January 15.

Music and the Nazis

From Mr Victor Ross

Sir, Bernard Levin, usually so clear-headed, has tied himself into a knot over Furtwängler's conduct under the Nazis (article, January 7) as a result of conflating three entirely separate questions.

First, was Furtwängler a moral coward? Almost certainly so, albeit on a modest scale if you look at the competition. Second, did the flaws in his character affect the quality of his music-making? Absolutely not. We have plenty of evidence that scoundrels can produce great art. Third, who is to cast the first stone?

It is here that Mr Levin goes grievously wrong. He claims that only heroes may point an accusing finger, only those who have proved by their deeds that they stood fast where Furtwängler fell.

The opposite is true: only heroes have the right to forgive. Others, and particularly ordinary Jews like Mr Levin and even more ordinary ones like myself, who survived untested in this and other countries, have not earned the right to forgive on behalf of those who perished.

We have to remember that a scoundrel can make beautiful music, but making beautiful music is no excuse for being a scoundrel.

Yours faithfully,
VICTOR ROSS,
Worten Mill, Great Chart,
Near Ashford, Kent.
January 10.

From Mr Richard Goldsmith

Sir, Whilst accepting Bernard Levin's arguments in support of Wilhelm Furtwängler, his view that Richard Strauss's conduct during the Nazi period was "a good deal more shabby" must be challenged.

Both musicians at first thought themselves to be beyond any danger because of the world-wide fame each enjoyed. Strauss had no interest whatsoever in politics and could not have imagined the outcome of Hitler coming to power in 1933.

He was appointed president of the Reichsmusikkammer by Goebbels (with Furtwängler as vice-president) without being asked if he would accept the post. He was dismissed in 1935 because of his continued support for the Jewish writer Stefan Zweig.

In 1933 he also conducted in Berlin when Bruno Walter was forced out and in Bayreuth when Toscanini refused. In the first case he said he did it for the orchestra and gave them his fee. In the second case he did it for Bayreuth and Richard Wagner.

It must be remembered that Strauss had a half-Jewish daughter-in-law and therefore part-Jewish grandchildren, to protect and this meant that for the whole of this terrible period he was walking on eggshells. He himself had said: "I am no hero, I haven't the necessary strength. I prefer to withdraw." His conduct may be criticised, but he acted from no more base motives and under more extreme pressure than Furtwängler.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD GOLDSMITH
(Chairman), Richard Strauss Society,
Lane End, School Green,
Stoke-by-Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk.
January 7.

From Mrs A. M. Gross

Sir, Furtwängler did not have to be a hero; he did not have to pay the ultimate price. The choice for him was to stay in his country, or leave. He did not have to stay *and* perform for the Nazis, condoning the exclusion of music by Mahler and Mendelssohn.

Yours sincerely,
ANGELA M. GROSS (a survivor),
93a East Sheen Avenue,
East Sheen, SW14.

Islands under Hitler

From Sir Peter Crill, Bailiff of Jersey

Sir, If the assessment of Professor Charmley and Mr Alan Clark of the weakness of the United Kingdom's position in 1940 and 1941 is right (letters, January 5, 7, 8, 9, 12), I thank God that Churchill was wrong. Otherwise, these ancient Crown dependencies might have remained under Nazi occupation indefinitely. As it was, rumour had it during those years that, if she had won, Germany wanted to keep the Channel Islands.

Much has been written lately about the behaviour of the civil administration and the inhabitants in the islands during the occupation (report, January 6). It should be remembered that the islands were demilitarised and, albeit with some fumbling, declared "open cities". Accordingly, it is as civilians that those who were here must be judged.

The late Sir Ambrose Sherwill, Attorney-General of Guernsey during the occupation, later declared: "We were civilians and we behaved as such in the strictest sense in accordance with the usages of war." As one who was here for most of those years, as an adolescent, that seems to be a very fair comment on a difficult and unprecedented position with which the islands' officials had to grapple.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CRILL,
The Bailiff's Chambers,
Royal Court House, Jersey.

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Mental health care

From Dr R. W. K. Reeves

Sir, I do not want to be called to section a recently discharged patient who is refusing his monthly injection and whose illness is still in remission by virtue of recent treatment — in short, to give him an ultimatum: admission or injection. What better way of alienating a patient?

Far better to address the problems discussed by Ms O'Hagan in her letter (January 8). These include ongoing friendship and support from the community team and providing recreation, socialisation and work. The latter facilities should be provided in part by the psychiatric hospital and commence before discharge.

Working in a secure unit, I have been struck by how many patients appear to reach an optimum level of recovery and then continue to improve with further hospital care. Psychiatrists who discharge their newly ill patients too quickly may not be acting in their long-term interests.

Yours faithfully,
R. REEVES
(Consultant forensic psychiatrist),
As from: The Fromeside Clinic,
Blackberry Hill, Stapleton, Bristol.

Ladies in retirement

From the Reverend C. Kevill-Davies

Sir, Your report of the row at St John's church, Great Rissington ("Church lavatory splits village", January 9) says that "traditionalists are offended by the prospect of worshippers seeking relief during sermons". In the late 17th century a slipper-shaped potty was devised for ladies to carry unseen in their muffs and to use during the long sermons of Louis Bourdaloue at the court of Versailles.

The problem now is the need for some such item for us country clergy. At present I motor on Sundays from village to village, wistfully humming the hymn "All ye who seek for sure relief", knowing that the answer to my search lies behind the gravestone near the vestry door. But when ladies become country parsons they may find that a less than adequate convenience. Since *bourdalous* (*sic*) are now collectors' items, might I suggest that modern ones should be produced? They could become standard issue to all female country clergy — except, hopefully, at Great Rissington.

Yours sincerely,
C. KEVILL-DAVIES,
The Rectory, Barkway,
Royston, Hertfordshire.
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COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE

January 15: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, this morning visited the Highland Hospice, Bishop's Road, Inverness and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Inverness (Lieutenant-Commander Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh, RN).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Samaritans, this afternoon visited the Inverness Branch, 66 Tomnahurich Street, Inverness, where she was presented with a donation from Inverness Technical College.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, later visited Roxburghe House, Milltimber, Aberdeen and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Aberdeen (Mr James Wyness, the Lord Provost). Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Association of Anaesthetists

The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland held their Annual Winter Dinner last night at the New Connaught Rooms, London. The President, Dr W.R. MacRae, and Mrs MacRae received the guests who included: Professor and Mrs Clayton Petty, Dr and Mrs K.C. Calman, Sir Cecil and Lady Clothier, Sir Robert and Lady Kilpatrick, Sir Gordon and Lady Robson, Sir Keith and Lady Sykes, Professor and Mrs J.P. Blandy, Professor and Mrs N. Browse, Professor and Mrs D. Campbell, Professor and Mrs R.S. J. Clarke, Dr and Mrs P.J. Helliwell, Professor and Mrs D.J. Jeffries, Mr and Mrs M.A.M.S. Leigh, Dr and Mrs M. McNicol, Miss Averil O. Mansfield, Mr and Mrs D. Main, Dr and Mrs J.F. Nunn, Dr and Mrs A.J.P. Ross, Professor and Mrs A.A. Spence, Dr and Mrs A.D. Toft, Dr and Mrs I.R. Verner and Mr and Mrs J. Wyn Owen.

Memorial service

Dr Arthur Wint

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Mr Maurice Dalton, Assistant Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, at a memorial service for Dr Arthur Wint held yesterday at St Clement Danes, the Strand. The Rev A.T.R. Goode officiated. Dr Alison Wint, daughter, and the High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago read the lessons. Professor John Figueroa read from his own poems. Mrs Ava Mignott, read a tribute from Mr Michael Manley and the Deputy High Commissioner for Jamaica and Sir Roger Bannister, British Athletic Federation, gave addresses. Ambassadors were among those present.

Appointment

Mr James Davis and Mrs Coral Samuel to be Trustees of the National Maritime Museum.

Weekend anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Richard Savage, poet, London, 1697; Hester Piozzi, writer, Bodvel, Caernarvonshire, 1741; Francois Talma, actor, Paris, 1763; Sir Ian Hamilton, general, Corfu, 1853; Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, actor-manager, London, 1853; André Michelin, pioneer of mass production of motor tyres, Paris, 1853; Edward Gordon Craig, stage designer and director, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, 1872; Robert Service, poet, Preston, 1874; Fulgencio Batista y Zaldivar, dictator of Cuba 1933-49 and 1952-59, Oriente Province, Cuba, 1901; Ethel Merman, singer, New York, 1909.

DEATHS: Edward Gibbon, historian, London, 1794; Sir John Moore, died of his wounds at the Battle of Corunna, 1809; Léo Delibes, composer, Paris, 1891; Arnold Bocklin, painter, Fiesole, Italy, 1901; Arturo Toscanini, conductor, New York, 1957; Robert Van de Graaff, physicist, Boston, Massachusetts, 1967; A.J. Cronin, novelist, Switzerland, 1981.

The British expedition led by Ernest Shackleton reached the magnetic South Pole, 1909.

Prohibition was instituted in America, 1920.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Leonard Fuchs, physician and botanist, Wembdingen, Germany, 1501; Pedro Calderón de la Barca, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1600; Thomas Fairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax of Cameron, parliamentary commander in the Civil War, Denton, Yorkshire, 1612; Benjamin Franklin, statesman, scientist and printer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1706; George Lyttleton, 1st Baron Lyttleton, statesman, historian and poet, Hagley, Worcestershire, 1709; Vittorio Alfieri, poet, Piedmont, Italy, 1749; Sir James Hall, geologist, Dunglass, Lothian, 1761; Charles Kean, actor, Waterford, Co Waterford, 1811; August Weismann, geneticist, Frankfurt am Main, 1834; David Lloyd George, 1st Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, Prime Minister 1916-22, Manchester, 1863; Konstantin Stanislavsky, co-founder of the Moscow Art Theatre, Moscow, 1863; David Beatty, 1st Earl Beatty, admiral of the fleet, Nantwich, Cheshire, 1871; Mack Sennett, film producer and creator of the Keystone Cops, Richmond, Quebec, 1880; Sir Compton Mackenzie, novelist, West Hartlepool, 1883; Ronald Firbank, novelist, London, 1886.

DEATHS: John Ray, naturalist, Black Notley, Essex, 1705; Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th American President 1877-81, Fremont, Ohio, 1893; Charles Marie de Lisle, poet, Paris, 1894; Frederic William Myers, poet and co-founder of the Society of Psychical Research, Rome, 1901; Sir Francis Galton, explorer and anthropologist, Haslemere, Surrey, 1911; T.H. White, novelist, Piraeus, Greece, 1964.

The BBC introduced breakfast television to Britain, 1983.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward will attend the international rugby football union match between England and France at Twickenham at 12.30.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Scottish Rugby Union, will attend the Scotland v Ireland international at Murrayfield at 12.25.

Marriage

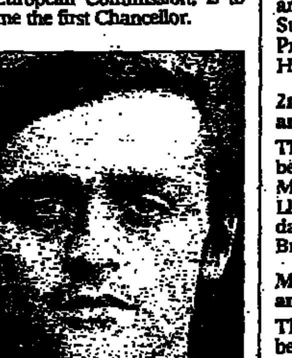
Mr R.P. Synge and Miss S.J.F. Wixley

A service of blessing was held on January 9, 1993, at St Bartholomew's, Egdean, West Sussex, after the marriage of Mr Robert Synge, younger son of the late Patrick M. Synge and of Mrs Synge, of West Sussex, to Miss Susan Wixley, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Wixley, of Oxford.

University news

Teesside

Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-President of the European Commission, is to become the first Chancellor.



The Duke of Westminster is to become the first Chancellor of the Manchester Metropolitan University, formerly Manchester Polytechnic

Results from Cruft's Show

Second day results

Working group

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Church news

The Rt Rev John Baker, Bishop of Salisbury, is to retire from October 31. He will be 65.

Appointment

The Rev Simon Acland, Director of Post Ordination Training and Continuing Ministerial Education in the Kensington Area, and Assistant Priest (half-time), Chelsea St Luke and Christ Church: to be Priest-in-charge, St George, Campden Hill and continue as Director of Post Ordination Training and Continuing Ministerial Education in the Kensington Area (London).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.G. Bishop and Miss L.P. Dennis

The engagement is announced between Alasdair Graham, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Bishop, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Lynn Patricia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T.J. Dennis, of East Sheen, London.

Mr E.R. Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Miss J.M.A. Burgess

The engagement is announced between Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Guy Cavenagh-Mainwaring, of Whitmore, Staffordshire, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Macdonald Burgess, of Lordsley, Shropshire.

Mr S.P. Cripps and Miss J.A. Hide

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Frederick Cripps, of Farnham, and Mrs Irma Cripps, of Claygate, Surrey, and Julia, daughter of Professor and Mrs Raymond Hide, of Oxford.

2nd Lieutenant J.R. Davies and Miss E.E.A. Bristow

The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr H.R. and Mrs P. Davies, of Llanstephan, Dyfed, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.A. Bristow, of Worth, Sussex.

Mr P.M. Doggrell and Miss L.J. Fielding

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Doggrell, of Henstridge, Somerset, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Mr Richard Fielding and the late Mrs Felicity Fielding of Longburton, Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr P.R.W. Finch and Miss M.L. Abadjian

The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Finch, of Penn, Buckinghamshire, and Marianne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Haig Abadjian, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S. Foulds and Miss V.K. Packman

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Foulds, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Packman, both of Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

Mr M.J. Gibson and Miss R. Walters

The engagement is announced between Martyn Jonathon, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Gibson, of Saxon Street, Suffolk, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Walters, of Otford, Kent.

Mr G.A. Lewis and Miss C.F. Rutt

The engagement is announced between Gordon, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Lewis, of Bromley, Kent, and Caroline, daughter of Mrs Margaret Rutt and the late David Rutt, of The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

Mr J.P. McGrane, Jr, and Miss H.J. Currie

The engagement is announced between John Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs J.P. McGrane, of Avon, Connecticut, USA, and Heidi, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Currie, of Borough Green, Kent.

Mr R.I. Matthews and Miss M.B. Charrington

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Dr J. Matthews and Mrs G.E. Matthews, and Mary, daughter of the Rev N.I. and Mrs Charrington.

Mr M. Simon and Miss A.H. Stirrup

The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of Mr Geoffrey Simon and Mrs Peggy Simon, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hayward Stirrup, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr A.J.D. Watson and Miss S. Brosnam

The engagement is announced between Alan, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Watson, of Hinchley Wood, Esher, and Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Brosnam, of Harberfield, NSW, Australia.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Colin Banks, graphic designer, 61; Sir Alastair Blair, former Writer to the Signet, 85; Air Marshal Sir Robert Craven, 77; Sir Robin Dunn, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 75; Professor Sir Peter Hirsch, metallurgist, 68; Sir Jack Layden, former chairman, Association of Metropolitan Authorities, 67; Professor Elaine Murphy, professor of psycho-geriatrics, 46; Mr R.L. Ormond, director, National Maritime Museum, 54; Miss N.S. Peppard, race relations consultant, 71; Mr K.H. Shackleton, artist and naturalist, 70; Professor Sir Frederick Stewart, geologist, 77; Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT, 72; Mr Cliff Thorburn, snooker player, 45; Miss Christine Truman, tennis player, 52; Lady Vaizey, art critic, 55; Professor Sir William Wade, QC, former master, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, 75; Mr James Watson, chairman, National Freight Consortium, 58; Mr Michael White, theatre and film producer, 57.

TOMORROW: Mr Muhammad Ali, boxer, 51; Sir John Boyd, diplomat, 57; Sir Malcolm Chaplin, chartered surveyor, 59; Sir Michael Clapham, former chairman, IMI, 81; Sir Mervyn Davies, former High Court judge, 75; Sir Edward Fennessy, radar pioneer, 81; Mrs Monica Furlong, writer, 63; Mr Neil W. Gamble, headmaster, Exeter School, 50; Lord Joseph, CH, 75; Mr Anthony Kenney, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 51; the Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Wakefield, 51; Mr Tony Mullins, jockey, 31; Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP, 57; Professor W.B. Robertson, histopathologist, 70; Mr Vidal Sassoon, hair stylist, 65; Miss Moira Shearer, ballerina, 67; Professor Sir David Smithers, radiologist, 85; Mr Clyde Walcott, cricketer, 67; Mr George Walker, governor, Styal Prison, 56; Dr Gillian Weir, organist, 52.

Latest wills

Lady Elsie Mary Stoddart-Scott, of Arthington, West Yorkshire left estate valued at £2,124,691 net.

Church services tomorrow

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 11 Choral Euch, O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Jubilate (Walton), O Almighty God (Barcrofte); 4 Choral E, Responses (Shephard), Gibbons Second Service, See, see the Word (Gibbons).

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch (Our Lady Undercroft); 9.30 M; 11 Sung Euch, Ridout in D, O nata lux (Tallis). The Dean; 3.15 E, Responses (Rose), Howells in G, When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev P G C Brett.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, Rev Geoffrey Roper; 11.15 Sung Euch, Missa Sancti Dominici (Rubbra), O Salutaris hostia (Elgar), Canon Paul Brett; 3 Christingle Service, The Bishop of Barking; 6 Choral E, Responses (Reading), Behold, how good and joyful (Vann), Canon Peter Southwell Sander.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Responses (Rose), Te Deum (Fisher), Jubilate, Canon Robin Morris; 11.30 Choral Euch, Steel in E minor, O praise the Lord (Batten), Amen (Faure); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Stanley Vann in D, Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley), Amen (Naylor), Organ: Fugue in C sharp minor (Wesley); 6.30 ES, Canon Michael Rees.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Here is the little door (Howells), Rev A Horner, Organ: Hymne d'action de grace sur le Te Deum (Langlais); 3.45 E, Preces (Aylewarde), Collegium Regale (Howells), Videntes stellam (Poulenc), Organ: Dieu parmi nous (Messiaen).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M; 10.30 Sung Euch, Organ: Trumpet Tune in C (Purcell), Gloria (How in D), Collegium Regale (Howells), Rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcell), Organ: Sonata (Lidon). The Precentor; 4 Choral E, The Lord's my shepherd (Bain), Organ: Moderato (Karg-Elert), Responses (White), Lord's Prayer (Anon), Watson in E flat, Never weather-beaten sail (Campian), Closing Responses (White), Organ: Toccata (Vierne).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, Stanford in C & F, A New Year Carol (Britten). The Dean; 11.15 M, Responses (Reading), Short Service (Gibbons), O Little one sweet (Bach); 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Tota pulchra es, Maria (Bruckner), Grand Choeur in D (Guilmant), Canon B L Wiskin.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Te Deum in F (Ireland), Bethlehem Down (Warlock), The Chancellor; 3.30 Evensong, Responses (Rose), Stanford in C, Bring us, O Lord God (Harris).

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Agnes Dei (Byrd), Canon Bruce Duncan; 6.30 E, Stanford in C, The Three Kings (Cornelius), Canon John Sykes.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M; 10.30 Sung Euch, Messe Solenelle, The Bishop; 3.15 E; 6.30 Sung Compline, Canon Richard Lee.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Spatzenmesse (Mozart), Illuminare Jerusalem, (Judith Weir), Listen sweet dove (Ives), Rev Garry Swinton; 3 E, Fifth Service (Tomkins), The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Canon Roger Royle.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Little Organ Mass (Haydn), Rev C M Bonneywell; 11.30 M, Britten in C, My soul there is a country (Parry); 3 E, Sumsion in G, Look up sweet babe (Berkeley), Rev Kenneth Wilson.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 10 M, Rev Dr Donald Gray; 11 M (St Margaret's Church), Rev Jeremy Caddick; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Very Rev Michael Mayne; 3 E, Rev C B Galloway; 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 ES, Rev Paul Ferguson.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SM, Missa festiva (Peeters), Jubilate Deo (Gabrieli), O salutaris hostia (Tallis), Fantasie in A (Franck); 10 MP; 2.30 Organ recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat octavi toni (Morales), Virga Iesse (Bruckner), Sonata II (Bach).

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Stanford in C, Canon Ralph Mayland; 11.30 M, Responses (Smith), Noble in B minor; 4 EP; 6.30 Epiphany Procession.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral Euch, Darke in F, Videntes Stellam (Poulenc), Placare Christe Servulis (Dupré), Rev Fr Paul Kinsey; 3.30 Choral E, Stanford in G, Responses (Ferial), Give us the wings of faith (Bullock), Toccata (Duruflé).

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Leighton Jones), Te Deum (West in C), St Paul's Service (Hendale), Canon John Halliburton; 11.30 HC, Missa Brevis (Chapple), Personent Hodie (arr. Holst); 3.15 E, Alcock in D, Seek him that maketh the seven stars (Elgar), Fantasie in A (Franck), Rev Derek Watson.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Harwood in A flat, O sacred banquet (Harwood), Rev G Greig; 6.30 Choral E, Weelkes Short Service, Hear my words (Parry), The Provost.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Gloria in Excelsis (Weelkes), The Bishop of St Albans.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 11 M, Boyce in C, Almighty God which hast me brought (Ford); 3.30 E, O God who by the leading of a star (Attwood), Morley Short Service, O God my King (Amner).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch, Missa brevis in F (Mozart), Lo! star-led chiefs (Crotch), The Bishop of London.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 Sung Euch, Ireland in C, The Chaplain.

ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Byrd), Te Deum, Jubilate (Dodgson), Surge, Illuminare (Palestrina).

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Responses (Smith), Lo! star-led chiefs (Crotch), Organ: Fugue in E flat minor (Healy Willan), Very Rev Eric Evans, Dean of St Paul's.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: Services taking place at The Military Chapel, Chelsea Barracks. 11 M, What star is this, Benedicus, O God who by the leading of a star (Attwood), Coronation March from Le Prophete (Meyerbeer), Band of The Grenadier Guards, Rev A A Coslett; 12 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 Sung Euch, God so loved the world (Goss), Jesu the very thought is sweet (Wood), The Chaplain.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Mass in B flat (Hummel), Videntes stellam (Poulenc), Rev C L Geake; 6 E & B, Gibbons Second Service, Hymn to the Mother of God (Tavener), Rev P McGeary.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 MP, Rev Christopher Hobbs, Choir Anthem: O Righteous Lord; 6.30 EP, Rev Stephen Wookey, All Souls Orchestra.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev J Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa Petre ego pro te rogavi (Lobo), Bone pastor (Eslava), Pater noster (Stravinsky).

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15 Fr M O'Brien, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Cantate Domino (De Klerk), Ave Verum Corpus (Peeters).

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Mr Michael Coates; 11 Informal Service (Creche & Children's Church), Rev Sandy Millar; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Nicholas Gumbel.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: Masses 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Missa Quam pulchri sunt (Victoria), Pastores loquebantur (Guerrero), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Ave Maria (Victoria).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Paul Hulme & Rt Rev Richard Chartres, Bishop of Stepney.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30 Dr R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Theodore C Johns; 7 Bach Vespers, Cantata No 143 Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele (Bach), Concerto in D minor for oboe and strings (Bach), Motet Janchzet ihr Himmel (Telemann), Rev Ronald T Englund.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M & HC, Britten in C, The Three Kings (Cornelius), The Rector; 6.30 Choral Euch, Wood in the Phrygian mode, Sweet was the song (Bennett), Rev Anthony Winter.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate (Darke in F), Setting (Ireland in C), O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Blow), Organ: Phantasie (Blair), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Purcell in E minor, Omnes de Saba (Handl), Organ: Chorale Fantasia on Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern (Buxtehude), Canon John Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES, Strand, WC2: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Schubert in G, O God, thou art my God (Purcell), Rt Rev J D G Kirkham, Bishop to the Forces.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Missa brevis (Britten), Tantum ergo (Fauré).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Blake in D, Salva nos Domine (Dom Pedro de Esperanca), Rev G D Watkins.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Messa di Gloria (Puccini), There shall a star (Mendelssohn), The Bishop of Fulham; 6 Choral E, Moeran in D, Lo! star-led chiefs (Crotch), Rev Graham Buckle.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 & 12 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa de Angelis, Myn lyking (Terry), Rev D Watson; 6.30 E, Sans Day Carol (arr. Rutter), Rev N Vigers.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch, Darke in E, Here is the little door (Howells), Rev Joanna Yates.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Sung Euch, Missa in Honorem Sancti Dominici (Rubbra), Regis tharsis et insulae (Sheppard), Rev Jeremy Caddick.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Saint Martin's Service (Stringer), Ave Maria (Parsons), Christ who knows all his sheep (Wood), Hide not Thou Thy face from us, O Lord (Farrant), Sonata no. 1 in C minor (Rheinberger); 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Locus iste (Bruckner), Responses (Sumsion), Benedicus, Beati quorum via (Stanford), Prelude in C minor (Bach), Rev Martin Henwood; 12.30 HC; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Dr Joyce Bennett; 5 Choral E, Responses (Smith of Durham), Magnificat (Stanford in A), O Lorde, the maker of al thinge (Joubert), Prelude & Fugue in F sharp minor (Buxtehude); 6.30 ES, Assist us Jesus to endure (Karg-Elert).

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 LM; 11 HM, Missa Sancti Dominici (Rubbra), Bishop Edward Holland; 6 Solemn E & B; 7 LM.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Caca (Morales), Come my way (Vaughan-Williams), The Rector; 6.30 ES.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Western Wind Mass (Tye), When to the temple Mary went (Eccard).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa la batalla escoutez (Guerrero), Hymn to St Peter (Britten), Jubilate Deo (Britten), Rev Neil Dawson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Western Wind (Tavener), Rev Alan Chidwick.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Surge Illuminare (Byrd), Jubilate Deo (Lassus), Fr John Towers; 6 Solemn E & B.

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The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom should I fear? The Lord is the strong-hold of my life: of whom then should I go in dread? Psalm 27 : 1

BIRTHS

CANTRILL - On January 12th, to Patrick and Carin (Burchell), a daughter, Agatha Christiane, a sister for Joshua and Elinor.

COZENS - On December 31st 1992, to Jayne (née Elias) and Alan, a daughter, Olivia Mary Elizabeth, a sister for Jacob.

DEAKIN - On January 13th 1993, at St Mary's, Roehampton, to Lucy and William, a beautiful daughter, Charlotte Sarah Victoria.

EYLES - On January 15th, to Melanie (née Craft) and Andrew, a daughter, Katherine Jane Gordon.

IMPEY - On January 8th, to Susan (née Broad) and Lawrence, a daughter, Cicely Evelyn.

MACBETH - On December 29th, to Elizabeth (née Evans) and Ian, a son, Alexander Lawrie.

MACKAY-AYRE SMITH - On January 13th to Rebecca and Mark, a son, in Cairns, Queensland.

MACKINNON - On January 11th at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Peter and Sarah, a son, Michael Scott.

PARKER - On December 30th 1992, to Hilary and James, at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, a son, Philip Kieran, a brother for Lucy.

PATTERSON - On January 12th, to Eleanor (Warr) and Larry, a daughter Katharine.

SPOONER - On January 13th, at Queen Charlotte's, London, to Fiona (née Henderson) and Roger, a son, Marcus James Wilton, a brother for Alexander.

STERN - On January 13th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jane and Peter, a daughter, Ella Hannah.

DEATHS

BRUNTISFIELD - On 14th January at his home in Switzerland, Victor Alexander George Anthony, 1st Baron Bruntisfield of Boroughmuir, peacefully in his 94th year. A Service of Remembrance will be held in London at a later date.

CARNE - John Le Geyt. On 11th January in Botswana after a short illness. Husband of Siriol, brother of Rosemary, Mark and Heather, uncle of Georgina, Elizabeth, Janet, Christine and David. Funeral in Botswana.

DUNDAS - On January 13th 1993, suddenly at his home on the Wirrall, Claud Kenneth Melville. Dearly loved husband of Janet, father of Kenneth and grandfather of Samantha, Alistair and Philippa. Enquiries tel (061) 648-4396.

ECCLES - On January 12th, at The Avenue Clinic, Hove. John Davey. Funeral Service at Brighton Islamic Mission, Dyke Road, Brighton, at 1pm Tuesday January 19th, followed by burial at Lawn Memorial Park, Brighton, at 2pm.

GRANT - Ursula Lindley Grant (née Evans-Jackson). Widow of William (Bill), mother of Ian, grandmother of Jonathan, Andrew and Amanda, great-grandmother of Hamish, died peacefully on 12th January aged 88. Requiem Mass at the Chapel of St Mary's Convent, Westbrooke, Worthing, at 11.30 am on Tuesday 19th January. Flowers to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex.

HIRE - On January 12th 1993 after a long and bravely endured illness, Courtenay (Tony) R.A., A.O.P. Major retired, beloved and grievously missed by his loving wife Iris, sons Quenton and Adrian, grandchildren Danika and Oliver, and also relatives, friends and colleagues. Funeral Service and burial at Hindon Parish Church on Saturday January 23rd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Parkinson's Society, London or Alzheimers Society, Salisbury.

LAYBOURNE - On January 13th 1993, Helen, aged 93, peacefully at Pendean. Much loved widow of Rear Admiral Alan Laybourne, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium on 20th January at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations (if desired) to Missions to Seamen, St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4 2RL.

LININGTON - On January 13th, tragically, Caroline Geraldine "Carol" (née Potter), much loved wife of James and loving mother to Christopher and Emma and such a dear friend. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at the Church of St John the Baptist, Barham, on Thursday 21st January at 2.30 pm. No flowers but donations if desired to Cobbes Meadow Group R.D.A. c/o National Westminster Bank, 27 Church Street, Wye, Ashford, Kent.

LOCK - On January 13th, suddenly at home, Christopher James, much loved infant son of Anne and Nicholas and brother of David and Stephen. Funeral St Mary's Church, Merton Park, at 10.30 am on Tuesday 19th January. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to the Foundation for the Study of Infant Death, 35 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS.

MARTIN-SMITH - Bernard. Suddenly on Tuesday January 12th 1993, Bernard Martin-Smith, husband of Jean Mackenzie: dear father of Paul, Alistair and David. Grandfather of Andrew and Ariel, brother of Brenda. Friends will be received at the Baxter & Giles Funeral Home, 275 Broadway, Orangeville, on Friday, 7-9pm. Mass at St Timothy's Church on Saturday at 1 pm. Cremation to follow.

MAIRAC - On 14th January at The Sue Ryder Home, Cheltenham, Maurice Laurence, aged 83 years. The funeral service and cremation will take place privately. Family flowers only. If desired donations in lieu for The Sue Ryder Home or The Marie Curie Foundation may be sent to David Stockwell & Co., Heron Lodge Funeral Home, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

PAIN - On January 14th, peacefully after a short illness, Grace Mary Pain (née Riddell), aged 90 years. Beloved wife of the late William Henry Pain. Much loved stepmother of Douglas and Gerard and dearly loved aunt of Valerie Townsend (née Riddell) and Elizabeth Neave (née Riddell), Alexandra Pyser (née Pain) and Michael Pain. Funeral Mass to be offered at St Helen's Church, Oldcotes, on Wednesday January 20th at 11.30 am. Flowers and enquiries to Hopkinson Funeral Directors of Worksop tel: (0909) 486747.

PRICE - Jocelyn Mary, peacefully on January 13th 1993. A beloved wife and mother. A Thanksgiving Service at Lapworth Church, near Solihull, on January 20th at 3.30 pm.

SHRIGLEY-BALL - Suddenly, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1993, at Ramsey, Isle of Man, Lady Estelle Dorothy Bella, aged 87 years. Widow of the late Sir Albert Ball, formerly of Bedfordshire. Beloved aunt of Nicholas Shrigley-Fiegl. Funeral on Friday, 22nd January, 1993, 11.30 am at Douglas Borough Crematorium, Isle of Man, for service and cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations to Cancer Research. Enquiries to Corkhill & Callow Ltd., 34 West Quay, Ramsey, Isle of Man, tel: (0624) 813114.

SINGER - On 13th January peacefully at home, Dr. Kurt Singer of Cleddon and Monmouth (formerly of Erdington, Birmingham). Greatly loved husband of Anita, father of Peter, grandfather of Laura and Luke. After private cremation, Thanksgiving at Dixton Church, Monmouth, on Monday 18th January at 2.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Hospice of the Marches, Brockfield, Tarrington, Herefordshire HR1 4HZ or The British Heart Foundation c/o Mr T. Goodrich, Kent House, 17 Lancaster Way, Osbaston, Monmouth.

STEWART - Dr. Geoffrey. Died peacefully in his sleep, January 9th, aged 67. Dearly beloved husband of Barbara and father of Matthew. The funeral service will take place at St John's Parish Church, Stoneleigh, near station at 1 pm followed by cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, 2.30pm on Tuesday January 19th. Donations to Cancer Research or British Heart Foundation.

WALKER-MUNRO - Pat of Kilifi, Kenya. Second son of Ronald and Morna, beloved husband of Mary and father of Ian and Angus, died on 14th January after a short illness in England. Funeral to be held in Kenya. No flowers.

WARD - On January 11th 1993, Harry, M.Sc., C.Chem., FRSC., FCIS., of Epsom, Surrey, aged 96. Formerly Secretary of The Industrial Management Association. Founder President of Freemen of England. Much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather and brother of Kathleen, Clayden and Ronald Raeburn-Ward. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, on January 21st at 1.30 pm. Donations to "Harry Ward Memorial". Flowers and enquiries to Longhurst, 8-10 Pound Lane, Epsom, tel: (0372) 723548.

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WISE - A.R.J. (Jim), suddenly on January 14th 1993, in Eastbourne, much loved by Joan, Richard, Hilary, Kate and Jane. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday January 22nd at 2.30pm. No flowers please but donations to The Friends of Eastbourne Hospitals.

WITCOMBE - Canon Cyril (Bish), died suddenly on 12th January 1993 in Salisbury, aged 78. Greatly loved husband of Jo and father of Roger, Simon, Philippa and Juliet. Family funeral at Woodford. There will be a Thanksgiving Service in Salisbury Cathedral on Friday 29th January at 12 noon. No flowers please but, if desired, donations to Leukaemia Research.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GRANT - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mrs Iris Grant MBE will be held at St Mark's Church, Highcliffe, Dorset, on Saturday 30th January at 2.30 pm.

LEWIS - A Service of Thanksgiving for Peter Lewis at St David's Church, Newtown, on Saturday 30th January at 1.30 pm.

SMART - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Professor Alastair Smart will be held on Saturday 30th January 1993, in The Canongate Kirk, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh at 3 o'clock. All are welcome.

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HARGREAVES - Mary A.R.R.C. (V.A.D. Sherborne) died January 16th 1992. To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. Harold. Lytham St Annes.

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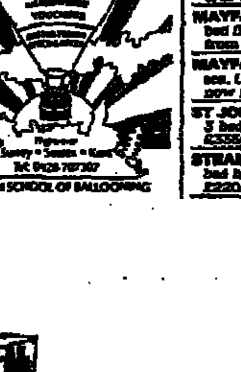

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OBITUARIES

RENE PLEVEN

René Pleven, twice prime minister of France and several times defence minister, died in Paris on January 13 aged 91. He was born in Rennes on April 13, 1901.

IT WAS René Pleven, a disciple of Jean Monnet, who produced the plan for a European army, later embodied in the European Defence Community Treaty of 1950. After joining General de Gaulle in the French Resistance in 1940, he first became minister of the colonies in 1944, then held the finance, national economy and defence portfolios until 1949. He was prime minister twice between 1950 and 1952, defence minister, again, from 1952 to 1954 and, briefly foreign minister in 1958.

The "Pleven Plan", as it was first known, was designed to meet the increasingly insistent demand from Washington for a greater contribution by Western Europe to Atlantic defence — a requirement which could only be met by utilising German resources. Monnet and Pleven saw this European army as one of the vital organisms of a United States of Europe. But, with only five years having elapsed since the end of the war, there were strong objections in France to any form of German rearmament. The "Pleven Plan" met with determined resistance particularly from Socialists led by Jules Moch, then defence minister, and after a long, bitter controversy which split the parties, the French Assembly rejected the treaty in 1954.

René Pleven was the son of Colonel Jules Pleven, a disciple of Lyautey. Educated at Rennes and at the University of Paris, he failed to pass his oral examination for the civil service, perhaps through shyness, and, with Monnet's encouragement and help, went into banking and then into business in the United States, becoming managing director of the International Cable Company.

Pleven came into politics as a result of the war and was among the ablest of the men who tried, and failed, to make the Fourth Republic work. Coming from the world of business and belonging to a new, technocratic stream, this very tall, bespectacled, reserved Breton was never quite at home in the French national assembly where lawyers, professors or the worst sort of career politicians predominated.

Pleven was a brisk, undoctrinaire politician with a practical approach. In Britain he would probably have been a Tory reformer — conservative in character but liberal in political and economic ideas — or on the right wing of the Labour party.

A founding member after the war of a small group, the Democratic and Socialist Union of the Resistance which, in spite of its name, was nearer the Radicals than the Socialists, Pleven became prime minister in 1950 when the centre of power in the national assembly was moving from the Left to the Right.

Edouard Herriot, the veteran president of the assembly, described him in 1950 as "a statesman of great sang-froid, courage and will". But like so many politicians of the time, he had no strong hold on public opinion and, for all his qualities, remained a man of the system, working in the closed world of the Palais Bourbon.

Pleven was in London in 1940 on a purchasing mission for the French government. Unlike Monnet who was also in London but who preferred to go to America, Pleven joined de Gaulle. Although holding only the rank of sergeant, he was sent, in the autumn of 1940, to help Felix Eboué, the Negro governor of the French African colony of Chad, who had declared for de Gaulle, to win over the rest of Equatorial Africa. Pleven more than won his spurs in this dangerous operation. Recalled to London by de Gaulle in 1941, he became a member of the French National Committee on its formation and was successively commissioner for finance, colonies and foreign affairs. He negotiated the first Franco-American lend-lease agreement and the withdrawal of the British forces from Madagascar.

When the organisations of General de Gaulle and General Giraud fused to form the Committee of National Liberation at Algiers in June 1943, Pleven became commissioner for the colonies with the task of re-grouping the French forces overseas. He was chairman, in 1944, of the Brazzaville conference and credited with formulating a liberal colonial policy which many Africans thought, mistakenly, would lead quickly to independence.

Elected to the constituent assembly in October 1945 and the national assembly in 1946 for the Cotes-du-Nord department of Brittany, Pleven was a co-founder with François Mitterrand of the Democratic and Socialist Union of the Resistance and became the group's chairman.

Later he became minister in charge of the national economy. It was his orthodox methods to safeguard the currency which de Gaulle preferred to the more radical proposals of Mendès-France, the finance minister. The latter resigned, as a result, from the government. Pleven was thus responsible for the first postwar devaluation of the franc.

Pleven refused to join de Gaulle in 1947 when the General launched his *Rassemblement du Peuple Français* and went out of office for three years. However he retained considerable sympathy for de Gaulle and echoed the General's more moderate views.

When the aged Radical, Henri Queuille, formed a government in 1950, Pleven was made defence minister. He became prime minister in July, lasting until March 1951, when the government was defeated on the question of electoral reform. He remained as a vice-premier in the second Queuille administration.

Then, after Queuille's resignation and the summer general election, came France's worst postwar cabinet crisis as the moderate centrist parties struggled to bridge their differences and to continue excluding the Communist party and the Gaullists. There had been 14 governments in the seven years since the Liberation. There were several abortive attempts to form new administrations but the country was without a government for more than a month. Eventually Pleven succeeded and in August became prime minister for the second time with a slightly more right-inclined administration. This lasted only until January 1952 when the government fell over a vote of confidence on proposals to balance the budget. There followed a two-months-long government by the Radical, Edgar Faure. The coming to power of Pinay, the Conservative leader, ended the Radical centre's attempts to govern France. Pleven became, once more, defence minister in Pinay's government and retained this post in the successive governments of Rene Mayer and Joseph Laniel.

Pleven was a die-hard over Indo-China. When his party congress voted in favour of negotiations for an armistice in the region he resigned the chairmanship having held it for seven years, and was succeeded by his rival, M Mitterrand. On Algeria he held cautiously liberal views. He tried to form a third government in 1958 which would have the support, alike, of the representatives in the assembly of the French Algerians, the increasingly discontented Army generals, and the centre parties, but he failed.

He was minister for foreign affairs in the Pflimlin government which lasted from May 13, 1958, when the Army revolt began until the end of the month when de Gaulle took over. From then Pleven, still a deputy for the Côtes du Nord, devoted himself to European activities and, particularly, to the Liberal International Council. He was active in work to improve the economy of his native province, Brittany.

In Pleven's personal and political make-up there was a blend of authority and tolerence; of business efficiency and political liberalism; of traditional patriotism and international ideals which enabled him to win some sympathy from all political parties save the Communists.

He married Anne Bompard in 1924 and had two daughters.

JEAN THOMPSON

Jean Thompson, CBE, civil servant and demographer, died on December 28 aged 66. She was born on December 2, 1926.

JEAN Thompson was a government statistician who, because of her special knowledge and expertise, played an important part in several high level political issues related to population. She joined the Government Statistical Service in 1950 and, after serving in the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance, the Ministry of Fuel and Power, and the Board of Trade, was appointed, in 1967, to the post of chief statistician (population) in the then General Register Office, now part of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. In this post she remained until she retired in 1986, having declined offers for transfer and promotion elsewhere.

Although she had previously been concerned with economic statistics, she quickly mastered the techniques of population analysis and took to them with zest and determination. At the time of her appointment, problems concerned with the impact of immigration from the New Commonwealth countries attracted much public attention. Jean Thompson was the senior official with an expert knowledge of the statistics so she was involved with ministers in responding to the furore raised by Enoch Powell and others.

She crossed swords with R.H.S. Crossman, and an extremely uncomplimentary reference to her in his *Diaries* was challenged in the High Court. The publishers issued a public apology.

The high birth rates of the 1960s caused public concern about the long-term impact of continued population growth. The government set up a population panel in 1971 of which Jean Thompson was an influential and active member. Its conclusions continue to form the basis of the government's approach to population issues. Fertility fell during the 1970s, which meant a frequent reappraisal of long-term trends, where Thompson's views were again influential. With hindsight she appears to have been too cautious, but her attitude was a reaction to an over-enthusiastic extrapolation of the upswing of the 1960s.

Jean Thompson was a woman of formidable drive and energy, who encouraged and supported younger colleagues. She also repaired links between the OPCS and academic demographers, which had not always been cordial. She played an important part in the British Society for Population Studies, and served as president for a time.

On her retirement, to the surprise of her colleagues, she dropped out of the demographic world. Instead, she became active in Oxfordshire village life and was soon the leading member of a group protesting against the noise from a nearby US Air Force base. Here, too, she was lucky: the base is now running down.

Jean Thompson's services were recognised by the award of the CBE on her retirement.

FREDERICK DANIELSKI

Frederick Danielski — "Mr Casablanca" — a self-proclaimed spy, died at West Palm Beach, Florida, on January 7 aged 82. He was born in Vienna.

IF THE stories told by Frederick Danielski were true — and no one could ever be quite sure — he was one of the most colourful characters to inhabit the stewpot of espionage that was Lisbon during the second world war. He gained the nickname "Mr Casablanca" because of his resemblance to the character played by Humphrey Bogart in the film of that name. At all events, the legends served him well during his postwar career as a night club manager in the wealthy resort of West Palm Beach on Florida's east coast. A dapper and gregarious man who spoke seven languages, Danielski was only 18 when he started a fruit and vegetable import business in his native Vienna. In 1932, with the rise of the German Nazi party casting a threatening shadow over Austria, he moved to Lisbon, where he opened Freddy's Viennese Restaurant five years later.

The timing was fortuitous. With Portugal remaining neutral, Lisbon became a favourite base for the intelligence services of both sides, and for journalists as well. Freddy's became a well-known haunt for both spies and reporters, and Danielski married one of the latter: Marjory Hird, a correspondent for the *Daily Mirror*.

He was recruited, he claimed, by a British intelligence officer named David Walker, who enlisted him to report on incautious remarks by his German customers. "Lisbon was a melting pot in those days, with spies from every country," he told an interviewer in 1989. "German officers came in civilian clothes, but you always knew who they were. After the third bottle of champagne they would open up to me."

Capitalising on his success, Danielski went on to open a bigger bar in Lisbon which he called Nina's, where he carried on his intelligence work. The information he obtained, he said, helped the Allies to select targets for bombing raids, and it was this establishment which became compared to the fictitious Rick's Cafe in *Casablanca*.

Danielski emigrated to the United States after the war, and in 1949 began work at the Colony Hotel in West Palm Beach, where he was to spend most of his career. He ran the hotel from 1965 to 1988, and returned last February as director of operations.

Frederick Danielski is survived by his second wife, and by one son and two daughters from his first marriage.

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ON THIS DAY

January 16 1868

"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat ..." and it would appear that the fat of this particular goose proved fatal.

CAUTION TO GOOSE-EATERS.

On Tuesday Dr. Lankester resumed an inquiry at the Marylebone Workhouse, touching the death of Sarah Clements, who went out to dinner on Christmas Day to a Mr. Haffenden's, of 79, Charlotte-street, Portland-place, and died on the following Saturday from the effects, it was alleged, of having eaten off a poisoned goose, the whole of the persons who partook of the goose being seized with vomiting and purging. The inquiry was adjourned in order that an analysis of the stomach might be obtained. Mr. G. Haffenden stated that he had known the deceased for some years, and she came to dine with him and his sister on Christmas Day. She left about 8 o'clock in the evening: she had goose for dinner and a small portion of plum pudding. She appeared quite well when she left. Himself and sister ate some of the goose, and they were both taken ill the next day with vomiting and purging, and had to call in medical aid. Professor J.E.D. Rodgers, lecturer on medical jurisprudence at the London College, M.R.C.S. &c., stated that it was a well-known fact that the fat of geese occasionally contains poison. The fat contains an acid, and he (Professor Rodgers) had no doubt that the goose in question contained a portion of that acid, which caused the death of the deceased. The Coroner. - Do you think that the close way in which the geese are packed has a tendency to generate the acid?

Professor Rodgers said. - Most decidedly; very disagreeable effects are often produced by animal and vegetable food that has been closely packed. Salmon was, also, very often kept by fishmongers until it was bad, and then dipped in "Condy's fluid," which took away the bad smell, but it was dangerous to eat it. A verdict was recorded that deceased died from eating poisoned goose.

A POET'S LOST DAY. — At the Marylebone County Court a few days ago Mr. Page, Italian warehouseman, of Westbourne-grove, sued Mr. Robert Browning, the poet, for 8s., the value of two bottles of port wine. Plaintiff said that formerly the defendant was a customer, but lately the custom had been taken away. A lad called on the 8th of July last, and said Mr. Browning wished to have two bottles of port wine, and as he (plaintiff) had previously known the lad to be in the defendant's service, he let him have the wine on credit. Mr. Browning, in defence, said he had not dealt with the plaintiff for two years. He never drank port wine, nor did anyone else in the house. He never ordered it from any one.

Mr. Browning concluded an indignant speech by calling his housekeeper and page, both of whom deposed they had never ordered or received port wine from plaintiff or anybody else for Mr. Browning's house. His Honour (Mr. Jessell) said plaintiff had not shown a proper amount of caution in his dealings, and judgment would be given for defendant. Mr. Browning said he had lost the whole day in connexion with the paltry claim, but he resisted it on principle. He wished his costs to be appropriated to the poor-box of the court. — *Express.*

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NEWS

Saddam yields to new raid threat

■ The Iraqi foreign ministry agreed that United Nations inspectors should be allowed to land in Baghdad, less than an hour before the expiry of a coalition deadline backed by the threat of renewed air attacks. Iraq made no comment on a demand for the dismantling of border police posts, also subject to a deadline ..... Pages 1,10

Veteran Sicilian Mafia chief arrested

■ In a meticulous police operation that helped to restore the battered credibility of the Italian state, Salvatore "Totò" Riina, the head of the Sicilian Mafia, was arrested after 22 years on the run. Riina was captured by five Carabinieri officers while driving with a bodyguard ..... Page 1

Heseltine attack

The government's main policies for coal and rail will come under fire next week from three Conservative-dominated committees of MPs. Michael Heseltine faces a call for at least 15 of the 31 threatened pits to be reprieved ..... Page 1

Bank staff protest

Leaders of Britain's 250,000 bank workers fear that employers are taking advantage of the public sector pay ceiling to impose an incomes policy, after National Westminster announced a year-long pay freeze ..... Page 2

Police killer demand

The proposed release of a policeman's murderer after 20 years in prison has led to a demand that Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, should make life-long imprisonment mandatory for police killers ..... Page 3

Shetland anger

The emergency is officially over and the Shetland Islands have returned to normal, almost. But the tanker and the media coverage have left frustration in their wake. Islanders plan a petition to express their anger ..... Page 5

A church divided

A scheme to appoint three "provincial visitors" to contain dissension in the Church of England over the ordination of women priests is leading to a three-way split among traditionalists ..... Page 6

Rape father freed

A former Guardsman who raped his daughter, aged eight, and threatened to hurt her if she told anyone was freed on probation after an Old Bailey judge was told that his family wanted him back ..... Page 7

Somalia pact

Hours after a Red Cross worker was shot dead, Somalia's warring factions signed a pact to disarm their militias. Few Western diplomats, United Nations officials or Somalis believe that the ceasefire will hold ... Page 11

Scientist killed as volcano erupts

■ Professor Geoffrey Brown, 47, a leading British vulcanologist, is among six people killed when the 14,109-ft Galeras volcano in southern Colombia erupted as they worked on the crater's inside rim. Luis Lemains, an Ecuadorian scientist, said: "It suddenly began to rain burning rock and ashes." ... Page 1

Theatre review: workers clearing columns of the theatre of Pelusium, the Roman port rediscovered by Egyptian archaeologists in rescue excavation in advance of digging the el-Salaam canal from the Nile across northern Sinai. New pyramid, pages 10, 13

In store: A plush new shop in Kingston upon Thames is the first new venture for a familiar name in the jewellery business ..... Page 19

Not much fun: Robert Fitzpatrick announced his surprise resignation as chairman of Euro Disney, the theme park on the outskirts of Paris, making way for a French Disney colleague to take his place ..... Page 19

Profile: Stuart Lipton, chief executive of Stanhope Properties, expects his company to survive the recession, even though it notched up losses of £125 million last year ..... Page 21

Markets: Shares ended the week on a quiet note, with the FT-SE closing up 5.9 at 2,765.1. On the foreign exchange, sterling eased against leading currencies, closing down 0.59c at $1.5363 and down 1.60 pfennigs at DM2.4989 ..... Page 22

Farmer's diary: How Paul Heiney took a career girl away from office life and forced her to be a stay-at-home mother ..... Page 3

Fresh and wet: Frances Bissell devotes her column to fish, the perfect food for cooks in a hurry and Fiona Beckett visits a devoted fishmonger ..... Page 5

Small change: What young pocket-money entrepreneurs are doing to boost their income ..... Page 7

What to wear: How fiftysomething television presenter Anne Gregg works hard to look good on screen and off ..... Page 11

Properly grateful: Serious British composers have been receiving hand-outs from a charity set up by heroes of high-decibel psychedelic rock, the Grateful Dead ... Page 14

Biblical Placido: In the first commercial recording from the Bastille Opera in Paris, Placido Domingo sings the Saint-Saëns vision of Samson ..... Page 14

Cricket: Graeme Hick finally ran into form and scored 93 as England beat Bishen Bedi's XI by two wickets in Delhi. England scored 203 for eight in reply to the Indian team's 202 for six ..... Page 32

Football: If Aston Villa sign Danish international midfielder Henrik Larson it will confirm the team as Britain's most cosmopolitan. The squad already has a Welshman, three Irishmen, a Tobagan, a Pole and two Germans .... Page 31

Racing: Businessman John Upson, successful in big races in Ireland and England in the last 48 hours, discusses his philosophy on training, which began as a hobby but has become a job ..... Page 32

Golf: Mark James shot a 69 to take a one-stroke lead at halfway in the Madeira Island Open. He is chased by Mark Davis and Jamie Spence, both of Britain. Jeff Hall, the surprise first-round leader, fell away with a 77 ..... Page 35

Alexander Chancellor

There are certainly a lot of weirdos and desperadoes roaming the streets of New York with whom it would be rash to seek a confrontation. But the distinction between a mugger and a beggar is beginning to become rather blurred ..... Page 12

Simon Jenkins

My one disagreement with Calcutt Two here is with his recommendation that victims would be able to obtain prior injunctions to stop publication. I think this goes too far. News is always time-sensitive and is peculiarly sensitive to "gagging injunctions" ..... Page 12

Alan Clark

The most depressing feature of my critics is that not only have they not read Dr Charmley's book, in many cases they seem not to have read my review of it either ..... Page 12

What made the sixties swing? An audience of the decade's celebrities relive their memories between nostalgic clips and musical echoes. *Trouble with the 60s* (ITV 9.55pm) Weekend, Page 16

Past the first post

If John Major really believes that he can wholeheartedly recommend the Maastricht treaty, he should not need to whip his supporters. Still less should he evade a direct appeal to the voters. A referendum would surely establish his credentials as the prime minister who wants to bring government closer to the people ..... Page 13

Arms control landmark

There is never a perfect answer to arms proliferation. The Chemical Weapons Convention, which was opened for signature in Paris this week, is not a perfect document. But it sets a precedent. It is the first treaty in history to ban the development, production, stockpiling, transfer and use of an entire category of weapons ..... Page 13

Pyramidally extant

Man is an absent-minded animal. He forgets anniversaries, loses keys and credit cards, and leaves more substantial and inexplicable packages behind in railway carriages. But to mislay a pyramid is heroic absent-mindedness worthy of a giant ..... Page 13

Lord Rothermere and others on the Calcutt report on press reform Page 13

Two years ago, the United States began Desert Storm and struck a blow against Iraq. It was logical to assume that peace would follow. Why, then, is history being repeated? Because of the diplomatic errors of a superpower blinded by its own might. *Pravda*

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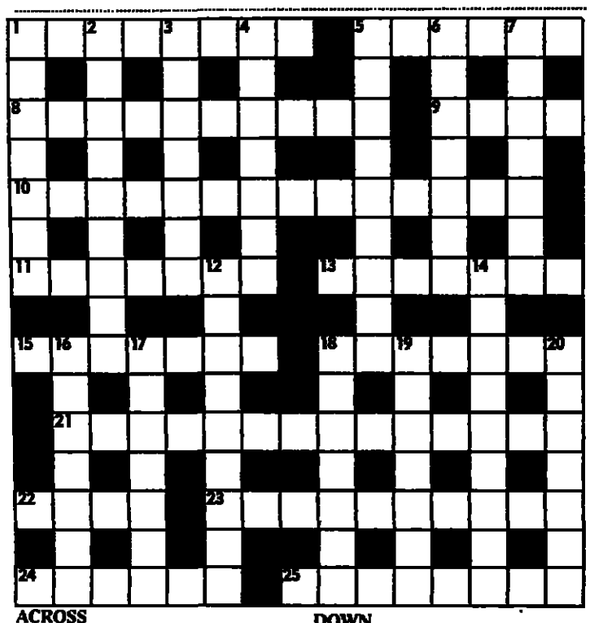

ACROSS

1 Does it have keys to imprison one rook? (8).
5 Payment for drawing needed to carry on (6).
8 Finish off cathedral? Exploit spirit of monks (10).
9 Religious work one has to do (4).
10 Time there involved with drama ? (7,7).
11 Repeated offence involving king comes to mind (5,2).
13 Business, in time, making money from invention (7).
15 Garment cut from fabric — hem is extended (7).
18 In Paris, I feel smart, being a wit (7).
21 A short hem's altered by a fashion designer (6,8).
22 On a trip, far away from base (4).
23 Survey new cuts one must include as a gamble (10).
24 6? Shut up! (6).
25 Articles about maiden — one repeated something detestable (8).

DOWN

1 Changes into suits (7).
2 Revise order and raise firing distance (9).
3 Shot a girl? Not with this weapon (7).
4 Undergo conversion for reward (7).
5 Three's inaccurate — higher figure reported as a result (9).
6 Architect includes it with junction clearly indicated (7).
7 Expressed approval for a brick (4,3).
12 As an example, quoted in frame outside church (9).
14 Add a pound in an increase for royal tutor (9).
16 Excited cable going from Washington to Moscow (3,4).
17 Hormone treatment for bird (7).
18 Sock-maker, so to speak? A self-styled harmless drudge (7).
19 Conductor in bus finally given foreign money (7).
20 Reorganize seating in plant (7).

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Aviemore	0.4	0.87	6	43	snow
Belfast	x	0.37	7	45	sleet
Birmingham	2.7	0.14	12	54	rain
Bognor Regis	0.4	0.01	11	52	cloudy
Bournemouth	1.2	0.12	12	54	rain
Bristol	1.9	0.22	13	55	rain
Buxton	-	0.53	10	50	rain
Cardiff	2.4	0.08	11	52	bright
Clacton	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Cromer	1.8	0.02	10	50	bright
Douglas	0.8	0.15	8	46	shower
Edinburgh	1.5	0.29	10	50	sleet
Eskdalemuir	0.7	1.02	6	43	hail
Exmouth	0.5	0.26	12	54	rain
Falmouth	2.0	0.12	11	52	bright
Folkestone	0.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Glasgow	2.0	1.06	9	48	hail
Guernsey	2.0	0.03	13	55	bright
Hunstanton	2.0	0.01	12	54	bright
Jersey	1.9	0.02	12	54	rain
Leeds	0.6	0.13	10	50	shower
Lerwick	-	0.89	7	45	hail
Littlehampton	1.0	0.01	11	52	drizzle
Liverpool	1.5	0.11	12	54	shower
London	1.1	0.11	13	55	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.6	0.03	12	54	cloudy
Manchester	0.6	0.21	12	54	rain
Margate	x	-	12	54	sunny
Minehead	3.0	0.15	13	55	rain
Morecambe	1.0	0.37	11	52	hail
Newcastle	1.4	0.23	13	55	shower
Newquay	2.4	0.14	12	54	bright
Nottingham	1.3	0.06	12	54	shower
Penzance	2.0	0.09	13	55	gale
Plymouth	1.9	0.13	11	52	shower
Prestwick	2.0	0.50	11	52	hail
Saunton Snd	1.1	0.17	11	52	gale
Scarborough	1.6	0.15	13	55	cloudy
Scilly Isles	x	0.06	12	54	bright
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Southsea	0.1	0.05	11	52	shower
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Edinburgh 4.13 pm to 8.31 am
Manchester 4.22 pm to 8.15 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 8.14 am

London 4.34 pm to 7.58 am
Bristol 4.34 pm to 8.07 am
Edinburgh 4.15 pm to 8.30 am
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Penzance 4.51 pm to 8.13 am

TODAY
Sun rises: 7.58 am
Sun sets: 4.23 pm
Moon rises 2.09 am
Moon sets 11.12 pm
New moon January 22

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 7.58 am
Sun sets: 4.24 pm
Moon rises 3.23 am
Moon sets 11.48 pm
New moon January 22

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Australia $	2.375	2.175	Italy Lira	2415.00	2250.00
Austria Sch	18.65	17.15	Japan Yen	211.00	192.00
Belgium Fr	54.55	50.20	Netherlands Gld	2.975	2.745
Canada $	2.09	1.93	Norway Kr	11.17	10.37
Denmark Kr	10.25	9.45	Portugal Esc	236.00	218.00
Finland Mkk	9.03	8.23	South Africa Rd	5.25	4.55
France Fr	8.94	8.24	Spain Pta	183.50	170.50
Germany Dm	2.64	2.44	Sweden Kr	11.70	10.90
Greece Dr	356.00	331.00	Switzerland Fr	2.41	2.23
Hong Kong $	12.57	11.57	Turkey Lira	14300.0	13000.0
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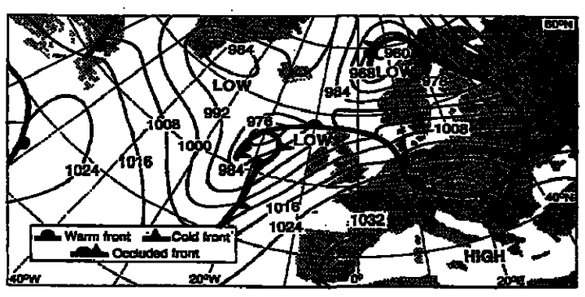

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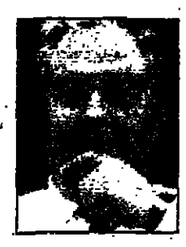

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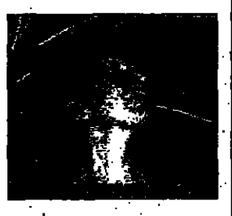

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Exchange Index .....81.2 (+0.2)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .....2765.1 (+5.9)
Dow Jones ...3271.39 (+3.51)*
Nikkei Avge ..... Closed

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Retail inflation tumbles to a six-year low

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ Headline inflation fell sharply to 2.6 per cent last month but the underlying rate, excluding mortgages — which the government targets — moved slightly higher

THE two main measures of British inflation moved in opposite directions in December with the headline rate falling sharply to its lowest level since August, 1986, but the underlying rate, which the government targets, heading slightly higher.

Retail price inflation fell more sharply than economists had expected to 2.6 per cent, from 3 per cent in November, almost entirely reflecting falls in mortgage rates after the Autumn Statement. The Central Statistical Office said lower mortgage rates could depress January's headline rate by around 0.5 per cent, perhaps taking the rise in the retail price index near to 2 per cent.

The underlying rate rose marginally to 3.7 per cent from 3.6 per cent in November, reflecting a sharp rise in food prices. Treasury officials said underlying inflation would have fallen if petrol price cuts last month had been included. Their impact will be felt in January's figures.

This is the first monthly rise since March 1992 and may signal the trough for the underlying rate of inflation. In December, seasonal food prices jumped by 4 per cent and the CSO said food prices are likely to exert more upward pressure on inflation during January and February. Another area where price rises are beginning to emerge again is household goods, particularly furniture, furnishings and electrical appliances, although the CSO said that these increases could be reversed in the January sales.

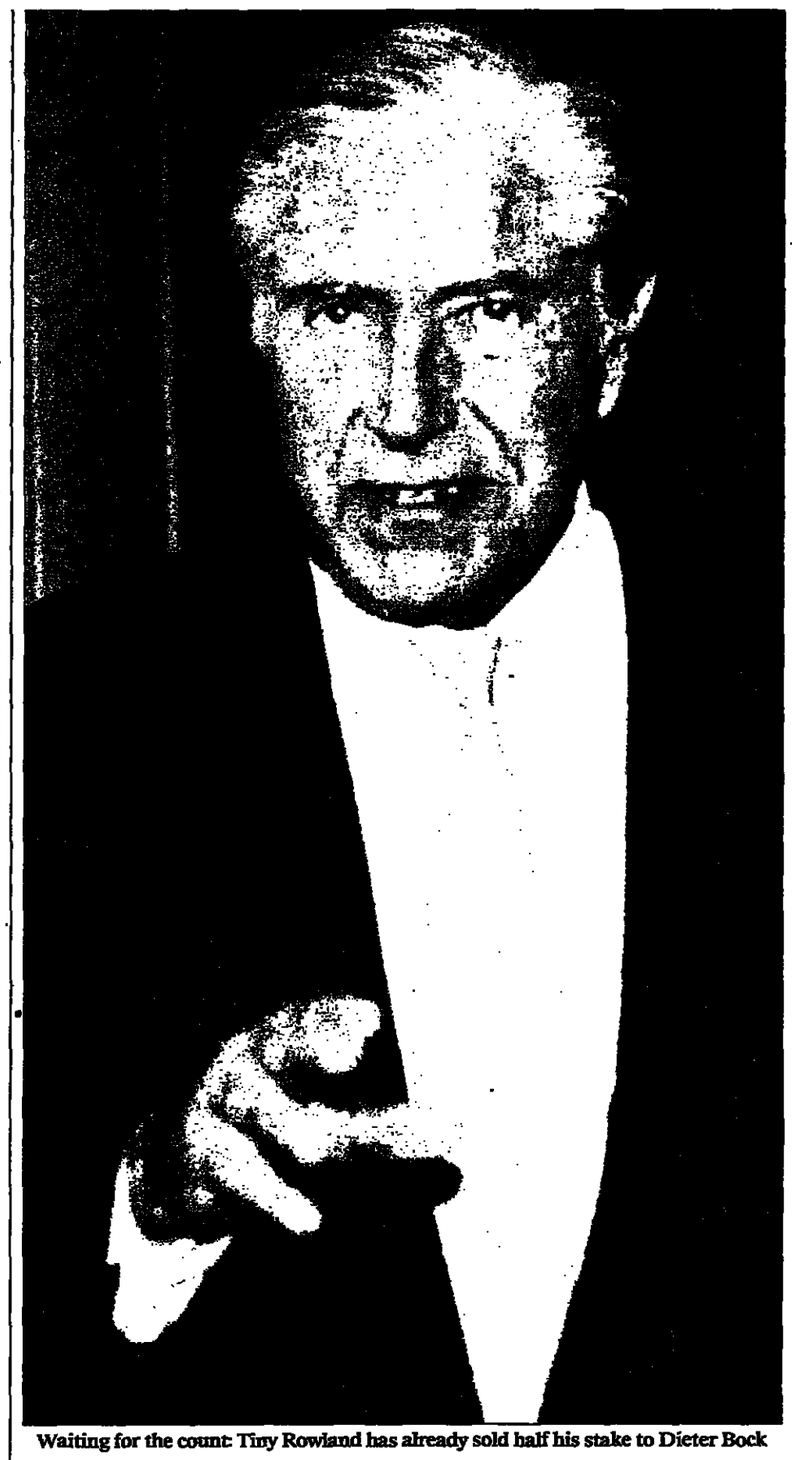
Offsetting this is evidence that there is still considerable pressure on prices in some other parts of the high street with deep discounting of many products before and after Christmas. Clothing and footwear, for example, fell 0.5 per cent last month, the first December decline since 1985.

Yesterday's figures were generally better than economists had expected and appeared to justify the wave of speculation in financial markets on Thursday that base rates would be cut again. However, there are clear warning signals from the small rise in the underlying rate of inflation which is already approaching the level forecast by the Treasury for the end of this year.

Although the CSO said there was little evidence that rising import prices after sterling's devaluation had come through to the high street, this is bound to happen during the next few months. Economists at Phillips & Drew said yesterday higher import prices would start fuelling increases even in headline inflation during the first three months of this year. They noted that food prices would be boosted by the effects of the "green" pound devaluation. "Green" exchange rates are used to convert EC agricultural support prices denominated in ecus into local currency. Phillips & Drew forecasts a rise in the underlying rate of inflation to more than 4 per cent by the end of the year — above the government's 1 per cent to 4 per cent target range — while the headline rate will be around 2.75 per cent.

☐ The US trade deficit grew by 5 per cent in November, largely due to a fall in exports reflecting weakening economies in Japan and Europe. The deficit rose to $7.59 billion from a revised $7.22 billion in October. Exports had been strong in the first half of 1992 and helped fuel America's recovery but this impetus now appears to be losing momentum. US consumer prices rose only 0.1 per cent in December, a rise of 2.9 per cent for 1992, the lowest since 1986. Industrial production rose 0.3 per cent in December. The dollar was buoyed by market rumours of co-ordinated French/German interest rate cuts and, as the mark slipped, the French franc moved to its highest level since November 20.

Sterling moved higher as no base rate cuts emerged. It closed at DM2.5035 compared with its close on Thursday of DM2.49. The market was awash with rumours at the end of last week. On Thursday, there was a sudden outbreak of speculation that base rates would be cut with no apparent reason apart from the impending release of the retail prices data. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has repeatedly said that monetary policy has already been loosened significantly and that the impact of recent cuts in interest rates was yet to be fully felt. Yesterday's rumours of a co-ordinated European rate cut also came out of the blue.



Waiting for the count: Tiny Rowland has already sold half his stake to Dieter Bock

Low take likely for Lonrho rights

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

ADVISERS to Lonrho expect to announce on Monday morning the result of the rights issue designed to give Dieter Bock, the German property investor, a stake of up to 19 per cent of the conglomerate, of which Tiny Rowland is chief executive.

The offer closed at 3pm yesterday but because of the need to count and check acceptances in South Africa as well as London, it will not be possible to make an announcement until just before the opening of trade on the stock market on Monday morning.

Because the market price has been persistently below the rights issue price of 85p, the market expects the issue to have been poorly subscribed. Lonrho shares yesterday closed at 72p, up 1p. They have not been above 80p since the rights issue and sale of VAG, which distributes Volkswagens and Audis in the UK, for £124 million, announced on December 9.

The issue was designed to give shareholders an opportunity to match Mr Bock's participation in Lonrho. He has underwritten half the issue, which means that even if no other shareholder exercises their rights, he will take up an extra 100 million shares. In the unlikely event that other shareholders take up all their rights, he would have ended with 9 per cent.

Mr Bock has already bought half of Mr Rowland's 15 per cent shareholding at 115p a share and has an option to acquire the rest after three years. Exercise of this option would leave him with a maximum 25 per cent of Lonrho.

A statement from Mr Bock on his intentions seems some way off. He is preparing to travel to the Caribbean on Tuesday of next week and is not due to return until early in February.

Euro Disney shares jump as chairman steps down

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

ROBERT Fitzpatrick, the man who created the Euro Disneyland theme park, near Paris, has stood down unexpectedly as chairman of the company running the park.

His replacement is French, a fact that apparently prompted a sharp rise in Euro Disneyland shares on the Paris Bourse. That was reflected in a 28p jump to 778p by the shares in London. The park has proved less popular than had been expected among the French since it opened last spring.

The departure of Mr Fitzpatrick, who remains on the board of the holding company, is part of an attempt to make Euro Disneyland more attractive to Europeans after it was criticised by one French intellectual as a "cultural Chernobyl". His replacement as chairman is Philippe Bourguignon, who was made president of the company in September after joining in 1988 as vice-president for property development.

Anita Hibbert, an analyst at Smith New Court, said: "It's a symbolic move, in that they have been unable to get the French very excited." The park has in recent weeks been offering promotions and discounts to Parisians and other local people.

Euro Disneyland said Mr Fitzpatrick was stepping down to create an international consulting company in Paris. He had been made chairman in September "to oversee the ... transition to a European management team."

One insider commented: "The Europeanisation of Euro Disneyland, for the lack of which we have been criticised in the past, continues apace in terms of Bourguignon being in charge."

Because of Mr Fitzpatrick's continuing directorship of the holding company, there is no question of compensation for loss of office. He remains a consultant to Walt Disney Corporation, which has a 50 per cent stake in the park.

Michael Eisner, chairman and chief executive of Walt Disney, said: "We were extremely fortunate to have had the unique talent and services of Bob Fitzpatrick during the period when we moved Euro Disney from dream to glittering reality."

Mr Fitzpatrick was president of the California Institute of the Arts for 12 years before joining Disney in March 1987.

Sir Gordon joins board of Mirror

BY OUR CITY STAFF

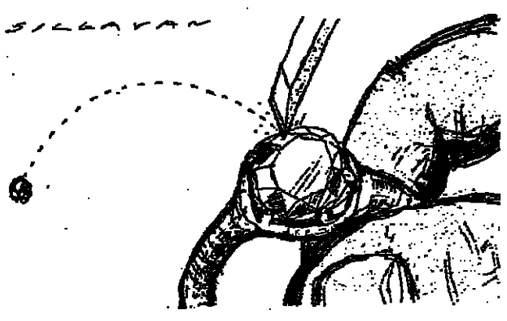
MIRROR Group Newspapers has appointed Sir Gordon Borrie, for 16 years director-general of fair trading, as a non-executive director. He joins a board that already contains another well-known socialist luminary, Lord Hollick, chairman of MAI, the financial services and media group.

Sir Gordon is also a non-executive director of the Woolwich Building Society and Three Valleys Water Services. The Mirror board has come under criticism, after the appointment of David Montgomery as chief executive, from staff who fear a move away from the newspaper's traditional pro-Labour stance.

Sir Gordon left the OFT last year but remains as chairman of the Commission on Social Justice.

Store that proves diamonds are forever

BY JON ASHWORTH



IN THE new Bentall Centre, in Kingston-upon-Thames, a jewellery shop, called simply The Jewellery Store, has opened for business. It displays no watches, no novelty goods, just items of jewellery, ranging from a £15,000 diamond necklace at the top end, to a pair of silver earrings for £1.50.

It may not be obvious, but The Jewellery Store is the comeback vehicle for Victor Ratner, cousin of Gerald, and former deputy managing director of the Ratners jewellery group. Since resigning from Ratners last February, shortly after his cousin handed the chairmanship to Jim McAdam, Mr Ratner has been busy preparing his latest venture. From the moment the Bentall Centre opened in November, his shop proved a hit with passers-by. Now, he intends to take the formula to the rest of Britain.

"It has started off very well," said Mr Ratner, who prefers to remain out of the limelight. "This is the prototype unit and it's all gone according to plan. I have started looking for sites and hope to open new shops in Edinburgh, Liverpool and Manchester."

This is not Ratners by another name. H. Samuel, the powerhouse of the Ratners group, crams its shelves with watches, chains, decanters, clocks and ornaments. The Jewellery Store is for shoppers seeking professional advice on a specific item, be it a diamond ring or an 18 ct gold brooch. The fact that a member of the Ratner family is involved is mere coincidence.

The Jewellery Store's logo — a closed gold rose with a diamond perched at the top — may become a familiar sight in cities and towns across the UK, but Mr Ratner is in no rush. His initial success bodes well for the 600,000 sq ft Bentall Centre which attracted up to 300,000 people a day over Christmas. It was developed by Norwich Union in partnership with Bentalls plc and is now 80 per cent let.

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Insurers get cheer from level of new business

■ Life insurance companies say recession discouraged savers from a commitment to long-term and regular payments but single-premium business continues to grow strongly

BY SARAH BAGNALL

PRUDENTIAL Corporation, the UK's largest life insurance company, and Scottish Mutual, the life insurance subsidiary of Abbey National, have both announced sharp rises in new business despite the continuing recession.

Prudential increased new long-term business to record levels of £4.9 billion, which lifted the shares 9p to 296p, while Scottish Mutual recorded a 29 per cent rise to £179.4 million.

Both companies saw strong growth in single-premium business, reflecting the continued low levels of consumer confidence that discourage savers from committing themselves to long-term and regular payments. Single-premium business rose by 33 per cent to £4.21 billion at Prudential and by 41 per cent to £158.1 million at Scottish Mutual.

Single-premium business has been expanding rapidly for the past two years, with particularly strong growth during 1992. Prudential's 33 per cent rise in 1992 compares with an increase of 25 per cent last time.

Annual premiums fared less well. Prudential managed a slight increase to £672 million from £662 million while Scottish Mutual recorded a fall of 21.5 per cent to £21.2 million.

A geographical breakdown of Prudential's figures shows that the trend in single and annual premiums is worldwide. Annual premiums from the company's overseas operations grew 19.8 per cent to £206 million while single premiums lept 31 per cent to £2.2 billion. However, this growth largely reflects the devaluation of sterling.

In the UK, most of Prudential's growth in single premiums, which rose 40 per cent to £1.97 billion, came from the Prudence Bond, a single-premium bond invested in the company's with-profits fund. The product, which was launched in the spring of 1991, reached total sales of £835 million, compared to £325 million.

Mick Newmarch, the Prudential's group chief executive, said the Prudence Bond has trebled the number of independent financial advisers with which it deals. "We are well on the way to achieving our goal of a 10 per cent share of this market." Prudential currently has 5 per cent of the market. UK annual premium sales rose by £5 million to £325 million.

The other main source of new business for Prudential was provided by additional voluntary contribution schemes, sales of which doubled, and money-purchase pensions schemes, where the pension is calculated on the basis of the amount of money invested in a fund rather than the individual's final salary.

The company administers AVC schemes for the education department and has been very successful in selling the product to teachers through its direct sales force.

Prudential, the largest provider of personal pensions in the UK, saw strong growth in single-premiums pensions largely as a result of the doubling of transfer business from £80 million to £163 million in 1992. The increase in transfer business is a result of redundancies and people changing jobs, both of which require holders of corporate pensions to transfer into personal pensions.

Recovery pattern: Roy Bishko is poised for a substantial increase in profits

Tie Rack has a merry ring

BY JON ASHWORTH

TIE Rack, the specialist tie, scarf and fashion accessories retailer, is on course for a fine year — thanks to a bumper Christmas in which sales climbed 2.5 per cent on the previous year.

Roy Bishko, the South African-born lawyer who founded the company in 1981, said income from new shops and tighter cost controls will see a "substantial increase" in earnings for the year to end-January.

Analysts are looking for pre-tax profits of £2 million to £3.5 million compared with £1.03 million last time. So far this year, like-for-like sales have risen 6 per cent. Mr Bishko said cautious growth will continue this year with up to 20 new shops planned.

He said: "We've got very good products and offer great value. Our customers like what we do."

The company has net cash balances of more than £7.5 million. Tie Rack has weathered the heavy losses that plagued it during the late 1980s.

First signs of a recovery appeared in November when the company made a first-half profit of £301,000 compared with a loss of £972,000. The number of Tie Rack shops has increased from 257 to 273 and divisions in France and Australia are doing well. Shops in America and Canada remain loss-making. About 40 per cent of sales come from abroad.

The North American operations remain unprofitable, but initial start-up costs have worked their way through. Costs are under tight control and the company is pursuing a policy of cautious expansion. Tie Rack has just opened in Belgium.

The shares rose 8p to 80p.

Wembley wins HK stadium contract

FROM LULU YU
IN HONG KONG

WEMBLEY, the company that runs Wembley Stadium, has been hired by the Hong Kong government to give a much-needed boost to the colony's fledgling leisure industry.

The firm yesterday won a prestigious contract to manage Hong Kong Stadium, home to the international rugby sevens and Hong Kong's premier venue for sports and entertainment.

The stadium, founded by the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, is undergoing an HK$850 million (£71 million) expansion and facelift to make it one of the largest and best-equipped venues in Asia.

The fee-based management contract is expected to bring quick profits for Wembley. It is the group's biggest foray into Asia.

Sir Brian Wolfson, Wembley's chairman, in Hong Kong for the signing of the contract yesterday, said: "This is a pivotal contract. What it means in strategic terms is enormous. Hong Kong is the key city in the whole region. Just look at the population mix, the sophistication, the spending power.

"Hong Kong gives us the ability to establish momentum in Asia. We would like to be *the* player in the region," he added.

Wembley manages 14 venues in Europe and America, and has a number of consultancy projects in Japan. But its main source of revenue is from the running of Wembley Stadium, Wembley Arena and Wembley Conference and Exhibition Centre, which is the largest single complex in the world.

The Hong Kong Stadium will have a capacity of 40,000, about half that of Wembley Stadium, with hospitality boxes, restaurants, and private catering services.

It is expected to stage leading international sporting events and big-name concerts that will rival those held in London.

Wembley Stadium will host the 1996 European football championships. It has staged many leading rock concerts, including Live Aid in 1985 and Michael Jackson in 1988.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

CBI urges end to taxing of jobs counselling

THE CBI is urging Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to stop taxing counselling services provided by employers for people made redundant. The call is contained in its recommendations for the Budget in March. Under present regulations, counselling is liable to tax where a redundancy package is worth more than £30,000.

Howard Davies, CBI director-general, said the effect of the present arrangements was that employees offered outplacement counselling would be more likely to decline, if acceptance meant incurring tax. The CBI also calls for tax deductions on environmental measures undertaken by companies, tax breaks on equity finance, tax consideration for foreign exchange losses, easier compliance rules for corporation tax returns and revision of the VAT penalty regime.

BCCI appeals lost

TWO Americans who are alleged to have played a role in the Bank of Credit and Commerce International scandal have lost appeals to have cover-up and bribery charges dismissed. They are due to stand trial on February 15. Robert Altman, a 45-year-old lawyer, lost an appeal in New York State. Three days earlier, 85-year-old Clark Clifford, a former defense secretary, lost a plea that charges against him should be dismissed because of his poor health. Mr Altman was president, and Mr Clifford, chairman, of First American Bankshares, the Washington bank in which BCCI is said to have purchased an illegal and controlling interest.

Zetters holds payout

ZETTERS, the London-based football pools operator, is holding the interim dividend at 4p a share, reflecting continued difficult trading conditions. In the six months to the end of September, profits eased from £451,000 before tax to £427,000 and earnings from 4.1p a share to 4p. Group turnover fell from £11.03 million to £10.72 million. The company said that profitability of the Spot the Ball competition, run in competition with Littlewoods and Vernon Pools, was "very satisfactory". However, Zetters reveals that telephone-related and other services had not yet met the success expected.

Owners criticises bid

OWNERS Abroad, the holiday firm for which Airtours has made a £210 million hostile bid, has accused Airtours of launching a "defensive and distracting bid" and of failing to quantify claimed cost savings. In response to the offer document, Howard Klein, Owners' chairman, said: "Airtours has based its case on a number of abstract generalisations and claims, demonstrating a lack of understanding of the Owners Abroad group." He said Airtours has not shown the experience to integrate such a sizeable acquisition. Mr Klein urged shareholders to reject the bid and back an alliance with Thomas Cook and LTU Group.

Hanson note offer

HANSON is reshuffling some of its short-term debt into longer term debt, with the offer of $1.25 billion of notes in America. Hanson is offering $500 million of 5.5 per cent 1996 notes priced at 99.749 to yield 5.592 per cent at maturity and $750 million of 7.375 per cent notes due 2003 priced at 99.468 to yield 7.451 per cent at maturity. The proceeds will be used to pay off shorter debts. Derek Bonham, chief executive, said: "This issue further diversifies our funding sources and demonstrates the increasing recognition by American investors of Hanson's substantial American and British operations and overall financial strength."

Hall Engineering cuts

HALL Engineering is cutting 90 jobs in an attempt to boost profits at two of its businesses. The companies affected are Hall & Pickles, a steel stockholder, and British Reinforced Concrete Engineering. Forty jobs are going with the closure of Hall & Pickles's depot in Daventry, Northamptonshire, and reorganisation of four BRCE stock centres will result in 50 redundancies. The restructuring will cost Shrewsbury-based Hall & Pickles £1.5 million in redundancy pay and closure costs. Profits, however, are expected to rise by £400,000 a year. BRCE's costs will be reduced by £800,000, the company said.

FNFC trims losses and calls for £46m

BY OUR CITY STAFF

FIRST National Finance Corporation, the troubled consumer credit group, has unveiled losses of £32 million before tax for the year to end-October and confirmed that it is seeking to raise nearly £46 million through a rights issue of convertible preference shares.

The proceeds will be used to reduce borrowings and strengthen the capital base. Shareholders are being offered two new convertible preference shares for every seven ordinary shares. Holders of existing convertible preference shares that have been converted into ordinary shares will be offered one new 7 per cent convertible preference share for every 6.72 existing convertible preference shares. The issue must be approved by shareholders on February 8.

The results are in line with City forecasts and follow losses of £34 million in 1991, driven by provisions for bad debts. First National Bank, the consumer lending division, is back in the black and FNFC is expected to return to profit in the 1993 financial year. FNB provides up to half of Britain's home improvement loans and accounts for nearly 80 per cent of FNFC's business.

Tim Ingram, group finance director, said declining default rates on loans for second mortgages and home improvements, in tandem with lower interest rates, would lead to a sizable drop in the level of bad debt provisions. FNFC has passed its dividend for the second year running, but expects to return to payments with a 1.5p dividend in 1993.

FNB swung from a first-half loss of £13 million to a profit of £8.2 million in the second half. Lower default rates saw the level of provisions fall from £36 million to £27 million in the two periods. Losses before tax in the commercial lending division increased from £5.5 million to £13.4 million in the second half because of higher provisions against falls in the value of property assets securing loans. Overall, extraordinary losses eased from £16.9 million to £8.2 million over the two periods. FNFC shares rose 11½p to 68p.

Christmas depletes National Savings

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

CHRISTMAS spending resulted in more being withdrawn from National Savings in December than was deposited. Withdrawals totalled £450 million, but only £385 million was invested.

Sales are traditionally low during December and for the first week of the month the tax-free certificates were not on sale.

National Savings' total contribution to funding in the first eight months of this financial year was £3.7 billion, of which £1.4 billion was accrued interest. Building societies are expected to report an outflow of funds for 1992.

Concern that interest rates being paid by National Savings were causing an outflow of funds from societies led to several rate reductions last year. In addition, the First Option Bond was withdrawn in November and has no date for relaunch.

When interest is taken into account, National Savings contributed £100 million to government funding.

During December, sales of index-linked certificates totalled £117 million and fixed interest certificates sold £58 million. Income bonds attracted £55 million but repayments were £88 million.

So far this financial year, sales of fixed-interest certificates have totalled £1.1 billion. Much of this was at the beginning, when the rate was very attractive. The First Option Bond, which was launched in July, attracted £849 million before it was withdrawn.

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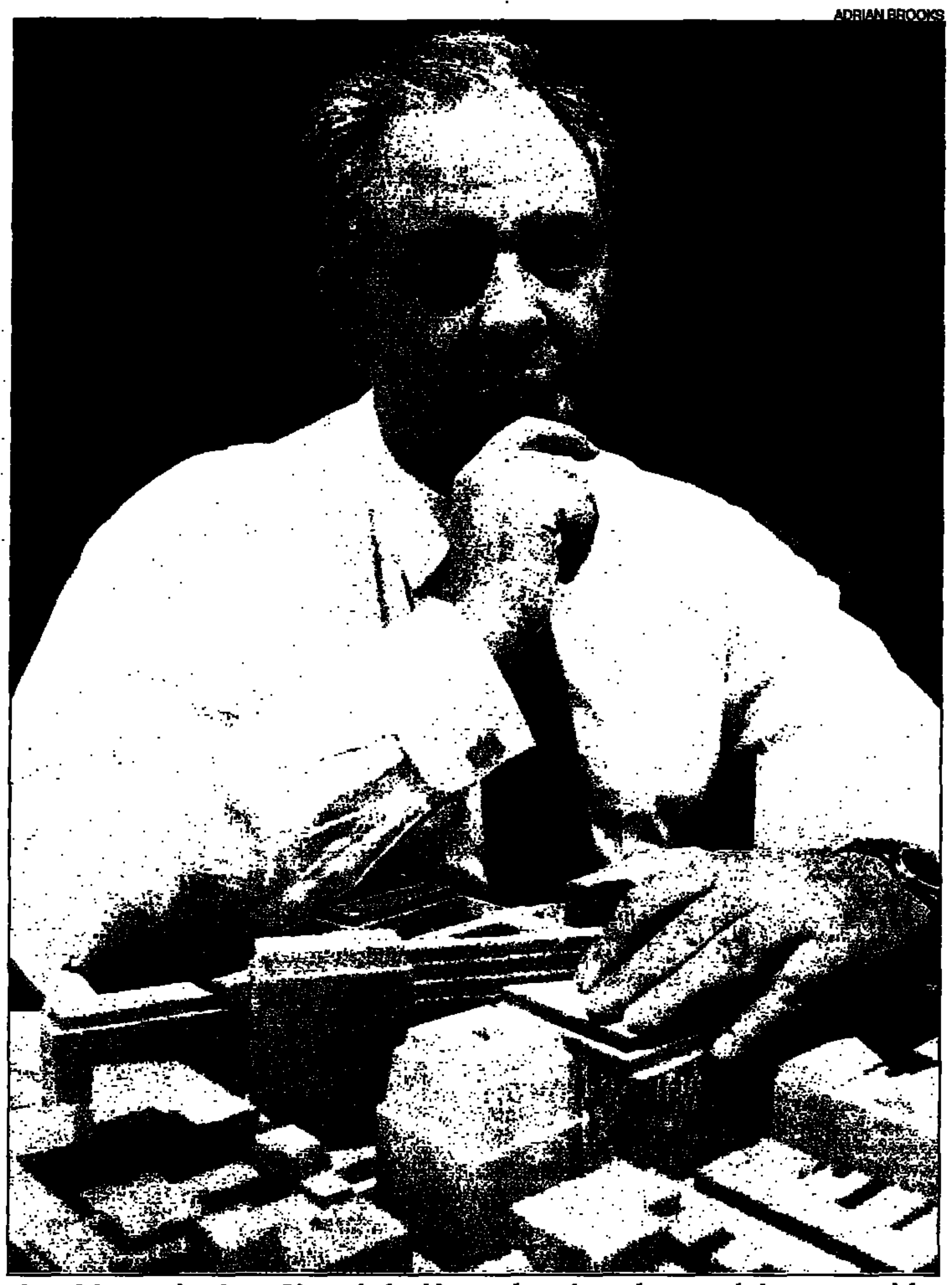
BUSINESS PROFILE: **Stuart Lipton**

From late developer to property developer

Stanhope Properties is in a desperate slump but, as **Carol Leonard** found, its chief executive still expects to survive


ADRIAN BROOKS

Growth in recession: Stuart Lipton deals with stress by eating and, as a result, has put on weight

Stuart Lipton, the chief executive of Stanhope Properties, has put on weight. Ten kilos — more than one and a half stone — and he blames it entirely on the recession: "I have suffered", he says from the comfort of his fifth-floor office in London's Berkeley Square. His face looks fleshy and moist, his eyes large, watery and brown. "These have been difficult times and I do get stressed. Some people smoke or get ulcers. I don't smoke, apart from a rare cigar, but I do eat."

The cause of his stress reached a watershed ten days ago when Lipton manfully announced that the company had notched up losses of £125 million, that it had made a near-fatal error by not selling more of its properties at an earlier stage in the cycle and that it was close to breaching its loan covenants. He went on to say, however, that the company had now reached agreement with its bankers to extend its debt repayment schedule and to increase its borrowings.

The company had been given a new lease of life, at the eleventh hour, but ensuring sales of its assets will mean that it survives only, as a considerably smaller entity. "Nevertheless," says Lipton, "I now think we will still be here in ten years time".

Lipton, 50, made his first million before he was 30, but admits he has made mistakes since. "If I look back... no, I wouldn't do it all the same again. In business terms I was always taught to keep buildings, not to trade them. Being a trader was a dirty word. Then I end up in a world where one should have sold everything. It's very peculiar". The upfront manner in which he tackled Stanhope's problems, however, is in character. "I like being straight, I would rather be straight than dither around... I have found in business that it is better not to give people surprises. If there is bad news, I want to know it. Absolutely straight out, blunt. I am perhaps too blunt but I would rather solve the problem."

Lipton is certainly known for his disconcertingly direct manner. His is a man given to instant, instinctive and invariably accurate judgments, about people as well as business deals. If he likes someone he will relax and can talk for hours. If not he will simply walk out of the room. "I do tend to be an all or nothing person when it comes to people and I would say that that is a failing," he says. Those who fall into the latter categorary invariably take a strong dislike to him also, and find him a forbidding — 6ft 4in tall — slightly frightening figure. They would describe him as difficult, nigh impossible, to work with, as mercurial and moody and, erroneously, as cold and austere. Yet he has built around himself a tightly knit team of professionals, many of them the very best in their fields, who display steadfast loyalty and genuine affection towards him.

> 'You can always tell if he is feeling fairly comfortable in a meeting because he will remove his shoes'

Lipton says reports of his temper have been exaggerated. "I'm not a person who loses my temper often. Certainly not once a day. But there are some people who trigger it. I would always expect a conversation to be a good debate. I like debate. I want to be stretched and if that gets a bit noisy then so much to the good. If I do have a row with someone then bang, that's it, and then it's all over. I would then rather be the guilty person, in notional terms, and apologise, than wait for the other person to do so. I'm not naturally argumentative. I have never sued anybody and if I feel aggrieved about something I might write an angry letter but it will not get sent."

That temper or disdain, according to his mood, is invariably reserved for certain types of people. "I'm a very informal person and I don't like formal people," Lipton says. "I don't like stuffy people, I like matter of fact, honest types. I do not like people who can't get their hands dirty. I like people who get involved. I look for warmth, openness, integrity. I'm drawn to more artistic people."

Lipton is all three of the above: warm, open and honest. He is happy for you to see him as he is, warts and all. It would not occur to him to put on any pretence, just as he will not feign interest if he finds himself in the company of someone he considers a bore.

"He tends to get up quite quickly and walk out of the room if he doesn't like somebody," says Garry Hart, head of the property department at law firm Herbert Smith and Stanhope's legal adviser for the past 14 years. "You can always tell if he is feeling fairly comfortable in a meeting because he will remove his shoes. If he keeps his shoes on it will be for a reason. There have been instances when people have tried to get his shoes away from him so can't leave the room. He is pretty notorious for disappearing during meetings."

"I'm not a good meetings person," Lipton concedes. "In large meetings I'm awful. I probably come across as grumpy, impatient and inconsistent. Sometimes I can be very productive, sometimes I'm not. I'm at my best in small meetings, where we can all sit around and brainstorm. But I do need time on my own to think. I'm more creative outside the office than in it, that's when I get ideas."

Even at home, in St John's Wood where he lives with his wife, Ruth, and their three children — Elliot, 23, Sarah, 21, and Grant, 18 — he craves his own company. He will frequently shut himself away with his stereo system and play music, at a low or high volume. "My normal reaction in the morning is to get up and turn on some music and just be my own person for an hour. My wife would just leave me alone. At weekends I can disappear for a whole morning, listening to music. I just drift off. I often have moments of introspection. Some people would say I was a bit of a dreamer."

That desire to be left alone, for lengthy periods, stems from his childhood. An only child, he was born into a Jewish household in North London; home was a detached house in Hendon, then a flat in Cricklewood. He was sent away to boarding school — Rockhurst, near Newbury, then Berkhamsted School, Hertfordshire — at the age of eight and his parents divorced when he was 12. He is particularly close to his mother, Jeanette, who co-founded the Chinacraft chain — "We are both determined, committed, persistent, but she is warmer than I am" — but he has not seen his father since the 1970s. Lipton finds it difficult to discuss this period of his life. "I was very shy, until my early teens, and a bit of a loner. I had best friends but I was never a gang person. I did not have a particularly distinguised academic career". Nor was he good at sports. "I was more interested in electronics and making things like radio sets. I was a late developer."

He left school — "I had no idea what I wanted to do" — joined an estate agent as an office boy — "at a time when property was very unfashionable" — and got married when he was 23. Of his parents' divorce, he says: "Of course it has an effect... but then you make your own life... most of our friends tend not to be divorced." He clearly needs continuity and security. He has lived in the same house — "pseudo-Georgian, built in 1936" — for 20 years.

Late developer or not, Lipton more than makes up for it in flair and intuition. He regularly becomes engrossed in detail, in so far as it involves the fixtures, fittings and design of a building — "I carry a camera with me everywhere I go so that I can bring back pictures of architectural details" — but readily admits he has little interest in finance — "I can hold my own among very fine brains but, in my public life, I try to stick to my own territory." Nor does he have much interest in his personal finances. "Someone else looks after all my money, I think it's better that way" And he is strongly opposed to family businesses. "I do not believe in them. Nothing is more important in my life than my children but if they are going to succeed in life they have got to do it themselves."

As for the state of the property market, Lipton's personal view is that rental income from commercial property will not start to grow again until 1994 and that house prices are "unlikely to pick up this year. We might have lower interest rates but people have been severely chastened by recent events. It's all about confidence. I don't think we will see housing back as a fundamental investment, that we all tuck away under our belts, for many years. Housebuilders are going to have to offer better value which means, yes, house prices are going to fall further."

His own fortune has been depleted by Stanhope's recent demise and his stake in the company, worth £100 million three years ago, is now worth £10 million. Lipton remains philosophical. "It doesn't count as money until you have actually put it in a bank. "And as for his daily requirements, he says, "I do not like to squander money. I would still regard an expensive meal out as a treat and, if I went out to an off licence, I would spend £5 or £10 on a bottle of wine, not £40." He avoids business dinners, preferring an evening at home or at the theatre with his wife, and especially dislikes all-male functions.

Garry Hart says Lipton's mental processes are original and, at times, difficult to follow. "He is notorious for being inductive rather than deductive and that is an asset," he says. "It's as if he can chuck lots of bits of a jigsaw into the air and then fit them together to form a picture. Most people work the other way round. Some people simply cannot follow him because he is like an ever-expanding universe, jumping around all over the place".

Lipton would agree with him. "I believe in things like homeopathic medicine, acupuncture and reflexology. I only participate in them in a mild way. I am actually very conventional, but they are fascinating subjects. I like going near the edge. Perhaps that is where, in financial terms, I have gone wrong. I should have been more concerned about selling every one of those buildings."

Receivers hear bids for Lilley

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE receivers to Lilley, the Scottish construction group that collapsed last week with debts of £60 million, have had offers for the majority of the group's contracting arm. Bids for the property assets are invited for next week.

Price Waterhouse, the receiver, says it is unlikely that all the secured debts will be covered by the sales, which would leave ordinary shareholders with nothing. Talks are continuing with parties interested in buying the contracting businesses over the weekend, and the receivers are optimistic of completing sales next week.

Iain Bennet, at Price Waterhouse, said even when offers had not been received for the entire business, bids had been submitted for significant contracts, offering some value to creditors and a "realistic prospect" of jobs being secured. A successful disposal of assets within two weeks of the receivers going in would significantly improve the prospects of continued employment for many employees, he said.

Lloyd's names consider test case against E&O insurers

BY SARAH BAGNALL

MOVES to block an attempt by errors and omissions (E&O) underwriters at Lloyd's to render their policies void are being considered by Gooda Walker Action Group. E&O underwriters provide insurance cover for members' and managing agents.

One possibility, is that a single name will take action against the E&O insurers. Such a test case could make it unnecessary for the action group to pursue two separate cases, against members' and managing agents and their insurers.

An action against the agents would have to be pursued without knowledge of whether they had insurance cover and, consequently, whether funds were available to meet possible claims.

Alfred Doll-Steinberg, who stepped down as chairman of the action group last month, said the voiding action was limited to a few E&O insurers. However, names are concerned that the action could spread to include them all.

The action group is preparing a case against 77 members' and managing agents, to recover total losses estimated at £500 million. These resulted from the heavy involvement of four Gooda Walker syndicates in London market excess (LMX) reinsurance business.

However, these plans suffered a setback last month.

Doll-Steinberg: concern

when E&O insurers announced that they considered themselves not to be liable for payouts on their policies on the ground that material information had not been disclosed. Arthur Andersen, liquidators to Gooda Walker, are investigating these claims, made on behalf of the E&O insurers by Reynolds Porter Chamberlain, a firm of solicitors, in a letter dated November 6, 1992.

One claim detailed in the letter, written to Alan Lewis, joint liquidator at Arthur Andersen, is that in December 1989 the board of Gooda Walker decided that a particular underwriter should be removed.

In response to the letter, Lovell White Durrant, acting on behalf of the liquidators, warned that unless the E&O insurers confirmed their cover, the liquidators would not provide their agreed share of the £140,000 defence costs in connection with a case in New York to determine whether the legal forum for action against Lloyd's by disgruntled US names should be in America or the UK.

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities turned easier after a firm start as investors expressed disappointment with the latest inflation figures. Prices traded in a narrow range throughout most of the session, with the March series of the long gilt future touching par before giving up some of its lead following publication of the retail price index. There had been faint hopes that better than expected inflation news would pave the way for an early cut in base rates.

Prices were able to rally later in the day, dragged higher by positive performances from the French and German bond markets and some encouraging US economic news. The future closed at £100⅛, with 24,000 contracts completed.

In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose five ticks to £101³/₃₂ while Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 firmed three ticks to £109³¹/₃₂.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	99	...	6.01	6.18
100	97	Treas 8¼% 1993	100 †	...	8.24	6.82
101	99	Treas 10% 1993	100	...	9.93	6.56
104	100	Treas 12½% 1993	102	...	12.14	6.35
107	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	105	...	12.98	6.34
102	96	Treas 8½% 1994	102 †	+	8.33	6.40
104	96	Treas 9% 1994	104	+	8.64	6.55
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	104	+	9.56	6.44
110	105	Exch 12½% 1994	108	+	11.48	6.55
110	105	Exch 13½% 1994	108	+	12.45	6.47
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	108	+	13.35	6.40
95	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	+	3.15	5.28
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	108 †	+	9.49	6.70
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	109	+	10.93	6.68
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	+	11.09	6.81
104	96	Treas 9% 1992-96	100 †	...	8.99	7.07
110	98	Conv 10% 1996	109	+	9.14	7.12
119	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	−	11.29	7.25
119	109	Treas 14% 1996	118 †	+	11.86	7.23
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	123	+	12.39	7.22
112	100	Exch 10½% 1997	111 †	+	9.43	7.22
121	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	120 †	+	11.04	7.36
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
107	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	+	8.25	7.37
131	117	Exch 15% 1997	129	...	11.59	7.51
99	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	+	6.85	7.09
111	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	+	8.87	7.33
121	107	Exch 12% 1998	119	+	10.07	7.83
137	122	Treas 15½% 1998	134	+	11.49	7.80
111	97	Treas 9½% 1999	109	+	8.71	7.56
115	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	113	+	9.07	7.75
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	113	+	9.23	7.70
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	+	10.14	7.83
108	94	Conv 9% 2000	106	+	8.45	7.77
128	114	Treas 13% 2000	126	+	10.31	8.26
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	110	+	9.05	8.19
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	126	+	11.09	7.80
111	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	108	+	8.96	8.38
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	110	+	9.07	8.50
69	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	68	+	5.12	7.69
109	96	Conv 9½% 2004	106	+	8.93	8.61
120	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	117	+	9.80	8.50
109	96	Conv 9½% 2005	106	+	8.93	8.63
128	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	124	+	10.01	8.86
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
97	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	94	+	8.42	8.66
100	89	Treas 8½% 2007	97	+	8.68	8.75
122	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119 †	+	9.86	8.82
104	93	Treas 9% 2008	101	+	8.84	8.77
135	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132	+	10.29	8.90
95	85	Treas 8% 2009	92	+	8.63	8.89
103	93	Conv 9% 2011	101	+	8.90	8.87
72	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	70	+	7.78	8.61
92	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	90 †	+	8.59	8.75
130	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	126	+	9.46	9.09
		UNDATED				
29	24	Consols 2½%	29	...	8.58	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	27	...	8.97	...
35	29	Treas 3%	34	...	8.81	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	61	+	5.70	...
45	39	Consols 4%	44	+	9.00	...
40	35	War Ln 3½%	39	...	8.97	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
132	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	...	0.54	2.29
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	194	+	2.19	2.85
162	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	159	...	3.35	3.67
158	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	155	−	3.46	3.72
162	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	159 †	−	3.59	3.79
147	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	144	...	3.71	3.90
152	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	148	−	3.74	3.91
126	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	122 †	...	3.77	3.92
135	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	130 †	...	3.78	3.92
128	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	124	...	3.82	3.95
106	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	102	...	3.85	3.97

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STOCK MARKET

Shares recover after early decline

ANY remaining hopes of an imminent cut in interest rates appear to have been dashed by the latest retail price index, which shows a rise in the underlying rate of inflation.

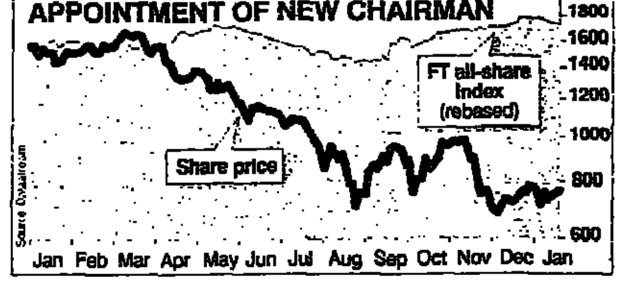
The headline rate showed a fall of 0.4 of a percentage point to 2.6 per cent, its lowest since August 1986, but the rise in the underlying rate to 3.7 per cent proved unexpected.

A few stale bulls had been hoping that a further slowdown in the RPI would have provided the government with an excuse to cut rates again, but it now looks as though *they will have to wait until the Budget on March 16. Even so,* the FT-SE 100 index moved into positive territory, having recovered an early nine-point fall and traded in narrow limits throughout the session.

Helped by a firm start on Wall Street and some encouraging American inflation statistics, it ended the trading account 5.9 up at 2,765.1. The fall on the two-week period is 96.4. Turnover was virtually unchanged on Thursday's close, with 616 million shares changing hands.

Lucas Industries, a takeover favourite, fell 4p to 145p after Hoare Govett cut its forecast of *pre-tax profits for the current* year by £5 million to £43 million and for 1994 by £2 million to £78 million. Dealers think a question mark hangs over the dividend. **Tarmac**, *another target, closed above its* worst, 2p lighter at 104p. A line of 1 million shares that had been overhanging the market appears to have been cleared. Short covering *enabled* **British Aerospace** to rally 8p to 185p.

EURO DISNEY: SHARES CHEERED BY APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIRMAN



Asda, the supermarket chain, fell ¾p to 64½ as the profit-takers moved in, with more than 27 million shares traded. In retailing, **Tie Rack** stood out, with a jump of 11p to 83p. Christmas sales were up 2.5 per cent, and the group said pre-tax profits for the full year were likely to be ahead of City expectations.

But the news was not so cheerful for shareholders of **Laura Ashley**. The price dropped 17p to 70p as Kleinwort Benson and Goldman Sachs cut their profit forecasts. Talk in the market suggests that trading remains difficult. Analysts are now expected to begin downgrading their profits forecasts for the current year.

Many of them had been looking for a final outcome of between £6 million and £7 million. It now seems unlikely that the group will make more than £2 million. The problems at Laura Ashley have been compounded by the profits warning earlier this week from **Alexon**, unchanged at 67p.

Body Shop continued to reel from this week's statement on Christmas trading, with the price falling 3p to 146p. Analysts claim there are few signs of an upturn.

Euro Disney spurted 35p to 785p after a boardroom reshuffle. Robert Fitzpatrick has resigned as chairman, but will remain on the board. His place will be taken by Philippe Bourguignon, group president. The group has been *making losses and has failed* to attract the number of vistors originally budgeted for.

Lonrho, the international trading group, firmed 1p to 72p as the deadline for the group's £170 million three-for-ten rights issue at 85p expired.

It is feared that most of the issue will be given the cold shoulder by institutional shareholders who have seen

Hillsdown Holdings, the foods to furniture group and a *Tempus* recommendation for 1993, rose 4p to 148p. The group has this week been talking to brokers, some of whom have cut their profit forecasts. But most analysts remain optimistic about long-term prospects and regard the shares as a strong recovery play.

the Lonrho share price fall sharply in the past year. Such an outcome will enable Dieter Bock, the German businessman, who has agreed to underwrite the issue, to lift his holding to 18.8 per cent, having already bought half of the 15 per cent stake of Tiny Rowland, the chief executive.

First National Finance, the *consumer credit group*, jumped 11½p to 68p after announcing plans to return to the dividend list. It also plans to raise £45.8 million via a two-for-seven rights issue of convertible preference shares designed to strengthen its capital base and improve liquidity. This is in spite of results for the year revealing a further loss of £31.8 million (£33.7 million loss).

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❝Few at BA openly discussed the historic drubbing at the hands of Richard Branson, but shame over the dirty tricks of the recent past and the shock of a suddenly-uncertain future were gelling into an unfamiliar form of corporate depression . . .❞

Business Focus – The Sunday Times tomorrow

WALL STREET

Dow higher in early trading

New York — Wall Street shares were higher at mid-morning as blue chips staged a recovery after light program-related buying emerged, traders said. The Dow Jones industrial average was initially lower on profit-taking in the technology sector after a rally on Thursday.

George Pirron, a senior trader at Dreyfus, said: "There are nothing but buyers around. People realise the market doesn't want to go down."

The Dow was up 7.30 points, at 3,275.18, after touching a low of *3,258.16*. Advancing shares outpaced declining issues in the broad market by eight to five.

☐ **Hong Kong** — A four-day share price rally ended as investors reacted to another hardline statement by China on Hong Kong and downgraded profits forecasts for HSBC Holdings, a major blue chip. The Hang Seng index closed 18.36 points lower, at 5,871.80.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares closed firm led by selective buying. Prices are likely to be underpinned by positive sentiment next week, brokers reported. The Straits Times industrial index rose 14 points to end at 1,572.40.

☐ **Frankfurt** — German shares reversed the down trend of the past week and a half as a wave of demand emerged for cyclical stocks. The Dax index ended 20.81 points, or 1.4 per cent, higher at 1,544.55.

☐ **Tokyo** — The stock market was closed for a national holiday. It will resume trading on Monday. *(Reuter)*

	Jan 15 midday	Jan 14 close
AMP Inc	59¾	59¾
AMR Corp	68¾	69
Abbott Labs	28	27¾
Aetna Life	48¼	47¾
Ahmanson (HF)	19¼	19
Air Prod & Chem	45¾	45¾
Albertson's	50¾	50
Alcan Alumnm	17¾	17¾
Alco Standard	39	39¾
Allied Signal	58	57¾
Alum Co of Am	69¾	68¾
Amax	16¾	16¾
Amerada Hess	45	45¾
Amer Brands	36¾	37
Amer Cyanamid	56¾	56¾
Amer El Power	33¾	33¾
Amer Express	25¾	25¾
Amer Genl Corp	56¾	55¾
Amer Home Pr	66¾	66¾
Amer Intl	116	116½
Amer Stores	44¾	43¾
Amer T & T	53¾	52¾
Ameritech	74¾	74
Amoco	49¾	49¾
Anheuser-Busch	60	60
Apple Computer	61½	65
Archer Daniels	28¾	28¾
Artra	7¾	7¾
Armco	6¾	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	30¾	30¾
Asarco	29¾	28¾
Ashland Oil	26¾	26¾
Atl Richfield	110	109¾
Auto Data Pro	53¾	53¾
Avery Dennison	27¾	28¾
Avon Products	55¾	55¾
Baker Hughes	19¾	19
Baltmo Gas & El	23¾	23¾
Banc One	51½	51½
BankAmerica	47¾	47¾
Bank of NY	57	55¾
Bankers Tr NY	66¾	67
Barnett Banks	42¾	41½
Bausch & Lomb	52¾	52¾
Baxter Intl	31½	31
Bectn Dickinsn	78¾	78¾
Bell Atlantic	53¾	52¾
BellSouth	54¾	54¾
Black & Decker	18¾	18¾
Block (H&R)	39¾	38¾
Boeing	37	37¾
Boise Cascade	20¾	20¾
Borden Inc	27¾	27¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	63¾	63¾
Browning Ferris	26¾	26¾
Burlington Nthn	44¾	43¾
CBS	190¾	191½
CNA Financial	98¾	95¾
CPC Intl	48¾	48¾
CSX	74¾	73¾
Campbell Soup	41¾	40¾
Can Pacific	13¾	13
Cpl Cities ABC	498¾	490
Cpl Holdings	77¾	76¾
Carolina Pwr	55¾	55¾
Caterpillar	58¾	55¾
Central & SW	29¾	29¾
Champion Intl	28¾	27¾
Chase Manhat	29¾	29¾
Chemical Bk	40¾	40¾
Chevron Corp	69¾	69¾
Chrysler	36¾	35¾
Chubb Corp	87¾	86¾
Cigna Corp	60¾	59¾
Citicorp	22¾	22¾
Clorox	46¾	45¾
Coastal Corp	24¾	24
Coca Cola	43¾	43¾
Colgate-Palmolive	56¾	55¾
Columbia Gas	19¾	18¾
Commonw Ed	24¾	24¾
Compaq Comp	54¾	53¾
Comp Ass Int	21¾	21¾
Conagra	31¾	31¾
Cons Edison	32¾	32¾
Cons Nat Gas	45¾	44¾
Cons Rail	50¾	49¾
Cooper Inds	48¾	48¾
Corning Inc	38¾	38
Crown Cork	39¾	39¾
Dana Corp	48¾	46¾
Dayton Hudson	74¾	74¾
Deere	45¾	43¾
Delta Air Lines	52¾	53
Deluxe Corp	47¾	46¾
Detroit Edison	33¾	33
Digital Equip	41¾	42¾
Dillard Dept St	48¾	48¾
Disney (Walt)	44¾	44¾
Dominion Res	39¾	39¾
Donelley (RR)	31¾	31¾
Dover Corp	48¾	48¾
Dow Chemicals	54	53¾
Dow Jones	29¾	28¾
Dresser	17¾	18¾
Duke Power	35¾	35¾
Dun & Bradstreet	59¾	59¾
Du Pont	46¾	45¾
Eastman Kodak	48¾	49¾
Eaton Corp	79¾	78¾
Emerson Elec	54½	54½
Engelhard Corp	36¾	35¾
Enron Corp	45¾	46
Ensergy Corp	34¾	34¾
Ethyl Corp	30¾	30
Exxon	60¾	60¾
FMC Corp	53	53
FPL Group	37	36¾
Federal Express	56¾	56¾
Fed Nat Mtge	82¾	80¾
First Chicago	38¾	39
First Interstate	49¾	49
First Union Rky	9¾	9¾
Fleet Finl Grp	33¾	33¾
Floor Corp	41½	41½
Ford Motor	46	44¾
GTE Corp	35	34¾
Gannett	52¾	52¾
Gap Inc Del	33¾	32¾
Gen Cinema	37¾	37¾
Gen Dynamics	110¾	110¾
Gen Electric	85	84¾
Gen Mills	68¾	66¾
Gen Motors	34¾	34
Gen Reinsurance	116¾	116¾
Gen Signal	64	64¾
Genuine Parts	34¾	34¾
Georgia Pac	56¾	55¾
Gillette	56¾	56¾
Glaxo ADR	21¾	21½
Goodrich (BF)	49¾	48¾
Goodyear Tire	66¾	66
Grace (WR)	38	38
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24¾	34¾
Great Wstn Fin	17¾	17¾
Halliburton	27¾	27¾
Heinz (HJ)	42¾	42¾
Hercules	65¾	65¾
Hershey Foods	48¾	48¾
Hewlett Packard	73¾	74¾
Hilton Hotels	47¾	47¾
Home Depot	66¾	66
Homestake	10¾	10¾
Honeywell	33¾	33¾
Household Intl	58¾	58¾
Houston Inds	45¾	45¾
Humana	20¾	20¾
ITT Corp	70¾	70¾
Illinois Tool	67¾	66
INCO	21¾	21½
Ingersoll Rand	32¾	31½
Inland Steel	22¾	21½
Intel Corp	113¾	112¾
IBM	48¾	48¾
Intl Flav & Fr	106¾	105¾
Intl Paper	61½	60¾
James River Va	18	17¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	46¾	46¾
K Mart	23¾	23¾
Kellogg	65¾	64¾
Kerr-McGee	43¾	43¾
Kimberly-Clark	61½	61½
Knight-Ridder	60¾	59¾
Lilly (Eli)	61¾	61¾
Limited Inc	28¾	28½
LIN Brdcstng	81½	81½
Lincoln Nat	72¾	72
Litton	45¾	45¾
Liz Claiborne	39¾	39¾
Lockheed Corp	56¾	56¾
Louisiana Pac	67	65¾
MCI Commun	42¾	41½
Marriott	24¾	24¾
Marsh & McLnn	91¾	90¾
Martin Marietta	68¾	66¾
Masco Corp	31½	30¾
May Dept St	69¾	69¾
Maytag Corp	14¾	14¾
McCaw Cellular	37	37¾
McDonalds	50¾	50
McDonnell D	55¾	53¾
McGraw Hill	60¾	60¾
Mead Corp	38¾	38¾
Medtronic	88¾	90¾
Mellon Bk	54¾	54¾
Melville Corp	54¾	54
Merck Inc	42¾	42
Merrill Lynch	64¾	64½
Minnesota Mine	99¾	100
Mobil Corp	62¾	63¾
Monsanto	53	52¾
Morgan (JP)	61	61½
Motorola Inc	123¾	123¾
Natl Medical	10¾	10¾
Natl Semi	11½	11½
Natl Service Ind	27¾	27¾
Navistar Int	2¾	2¾
NBD Bancorp	32¾	32¾
NY Times A	27¾	27
Newmont Mng	37¾	37¾
Ntag Mohawk	19¾	19¾
Nike B	86	86¾
NL Industries	5¾	5¾
Nordstrom	39¾	40
Norfolk Sthrn	63¾	63¾
Nthn State Pwr	43¾	43¾
Norwest Corp	43¾	42¾
Nynex Corp	85¾	85¾
Occidental Pet	17¾	17
Ohio Edison	23¾	23
Oracle Systems	30¾	30¾
Oryx Energy Co	18	18
PNC Financial	29¾	28¾
PPG Industries	62¾	62¾
Paccar Inc	57¾	57¾
Pacificorp	19	19¾
Pac Enterprises	19¾	19¾
Pac Gas & Elect	33¾	33
Pac Telesis	45¾	45¾
Pall Corp	19¾	19¾
Panhandle East	18¾	17¾
Paramnt Comm	44¾	43¾
Parker Hannifin	31½	31½
Penney (JC)	73¾	73¾
Pennzoil	50	49¾
Pepsico	41½	40¾
Pfizer	66¾	65¾
Phelps Dodge	49¾	49
Philadel Elec	26¾	26¾
Philip Morris	73¾	73¾
Phillips Pet	25	25
Pitney Bowes	41½	40½
Polaroid	29¾	28¾
Price Co	37¾	38¾
Primerica	52¾	52
Procter & Gmbl	50¾	50¾
Pub Serv E & G	31½	31
Quaker Oats	64¾	64¾
Ralston Purina	45¾	45½
Raychem Corp	39	39¾
Raytheon	52	52¾
Reebok Intl	36¾	35¾
Reynolds Metals	52¾	51¾
Roadway Srvcs	67¾	67¾
Rockwell Intl	29¾	30
Rohm & Haas	53½	52¾
Royal Dutch	79¾	79¾
Rubbermaid	31¾	31½
Safeco Corp	59¾	59
St Paul's Cos	76¾	76¾
Salomon Inc	37¾	36¾
Santa Fe S Pac	14¾	14
Sara Lee Corp	28¾	28¾
Scecorp	43¾	43¾
Schering Plough	58¾	58¾
Schlumberger	56¾	56¾
Scott Paper	34¾	34¾
Seagram	25¾	25
Sears Roebuck	47¾	47¾
Shell Trans	49¾	49¾
Sherwin Wllms	31½	30¾
Skyline Corp	22¾	22¾
Snap-On-Tools	32	31½
Southern Co	38¾	38¾
Sthwestern Bell	75¾	75¾
Sprint Corp	26¾	26¾
Stanley Works	41½	41½
Sun Company	27¾	27¾
Suntrust	44¾	44
Supervalu	34¾	34¾
Syntex Corp	22¾	22
Sysco Corp	24¾	24¾
TRW Inc	56¾	56
Tandem Comp	16¾	16¾
Tandy Corp	28¾	28¾
Telecom Corp	2¾	2¾
Teledyne	19¾	19¾
Temple Inland	47¾	46¾
Tenneco	41½	41½
Texaco	58¾	58¾
Texas Inst	56¾	56¾
Texas Utilities	42¾	42¾
Textron	44¾	44
Time Warner	33	32¾
Times-Mirror	30¾	30¾
Timken	27¾	27¾
Torchmark	58¾	57¾
Toys R Us	39¾	38¾
Transamerica	46¾	46¾
Travelers Corp	27	27
Tribune	49	48¾
Tyco Labs	43¾	43¾
UAL Corp	130	130¾
UST Inc	31½	31½
USX Marathon	16¾	16¾
Unilever NV	104¾	104¾
Union Camp	43½	42¾
Union Carbide	16¾	16¾
Union Pacific	61½	61½
Unisys Corp	11½	11¾
USAIR Group	14¾	14¾
USF&G Corp	12¾	12¾
US Life	38¾	38
US West	39¾	39¾
United Tech	47	47¾
Unocal Corp	27¾	27¾
Upjohn	30¾	30¾
VF Corp	53¾	54¾
Wal-Mart Stores	60¾	60¾
Warner-Lambert	67¾	68¾
Waste Mgmnt Inc	38	37¾
Wells Fargo	84¾	81¾
Westinghouse El	13¾	14¾
Weyerhaeuser	37¾	37¾
Whirlpool	44¾	44¾
Whitman	14¾	14¾
Winn Dixie	79¾	77¾
Woolworth	28¾	28¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	31½	30¾
Xerox	85¾	85¾

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

SKF 'B'	700p (+12½p)
Securicor	975p (+20p)
Security Services	557p (+14p)
Sidlaw	*354p (+19p)*
Southern Business	126p (+11p)
Euro Disney	778p (+28p)
Allied Textiles	433p (+14p)
BAA	772p (+15p)
Watts Blake	425p (+15p)
Auto Sec	139p (+11p)

FALLS:

RMC Group	565p (-9p)
Wellcome	915p (-9p)
Sappi	423p (-27p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Critchley Group (220)	275	-2
Foreign & Col PEP Inv Tst 105	...	
Hunters Armley (98)	111	...
Intl Food Machinery (51)	58	-2
OIS Intl Inspection (50)	55	...
Prime People Warrants	1½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Hilclare n/p (35)	3	...
Melville n/p (5)	½	...
Property Trust p/p (25)	13	-1
Regal Hotel n/p (2)	1	...
Trio Holdings n/p (50)	15	+2
West Trust n/p (3)	½	...

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS. 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	354.10	374.80	- 1.70	...
Series Equity	455.20	481.70	- 7.00	...
Series Prop Fd	388.00	410.60	+ 0.40	...
Series Fixed Int	288.30	305.10	- 0.50	...
Series Money Fd	235.90	249.30	+ 0.20	...
Series Oseas Fd	240.70	254.80	+ 1.90	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD. 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	16.87	17.76	+ 0.01	..
Bear	17.20	18.11	- 0.16	..
Owl	16.77	17.66	- 0.26	...
Bull	14.98	15.77	- 0.13	...
Stag	15.40	16.22	- 0.01	..
Gilt Edged	16.96	16.96	...	...
Deposit	14.92	14.92	+ 0.02	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.28	23.46	+ 0.04	..
Bear	22.55	23.74	- 0.22	..
Owl	21.86	23.02	- 0.42	...
Bull	18.46	19.44	- 0.16	...
Stag	18.34	19.31	- 0.01	...
Gilt Edged	20.59	20.59	+ 0.01	...
Deposit	18.73	18.73	+ 0.02	..
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	468.31	468.32	- 1.87	..
1982 Series				
UK Equity	280.18	294.93	- 2.14	..
N Amer Equity	268.99	283.15	+ 1.26	..
Far East Equity	303.46	319.44	+ 3.77	
Fixed	264.86	278.81	- 0.06	
Cash Deposit	191.45	201.53	- 0.22	
Property	85.28	89.77	- 0.39	...
Special Opp	280.62	295.39	+ 0.94	
Managed	247.72	260.76	- 1.54	..
Index-Linked Fd	175.04	184.26	- 1.02	..
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	250.70	263.90	..	..
-do- Acc	441.40	464.70		
Equity Fd Inc	147.30	155.10	- 2.40	...
-do- Acc	186.20	196.10	- 3.00	...
Selective Fd	416.40	438.40	- 4.30	..
Money Fd	349.50	367.90	+ 0.70	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	344.80	363.00		
Equity Ser 4	195.20	195.00	- 2.40	
Man Ser 4	544.60	573.30	- 3.60	
Conv Ser 4	307.00	323.20	- 0.60	
Money Ser 4	306.70	322.90	+ 0.60	
Fixed Int Ser 4	309.40	325.70	- 0.50	
American Ser 4	460.10	484.30	+ 3.70	
High Inc Ser 4	553.20	582.40	- 5.50	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	187.10	196.90	- 1.70	
Japan Ser 4	260.40	274.20	- 4.90	
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ. 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1329.8	1399.8	-12.20	..
European Fd Acc	283.00	297.80	- 1.60	
Fixed Int Acc	470.00	494.70	- 0.90	...
Gtd Money Acc	314.00	330.50	- 0.20	..
Intl Managed Acc	473.60	498.40	- 0.90	
Int Fxd Int Acc	302.40	318.20	- 2.00	
Japan Fund	210.30	221.30	- 5.40	
N American Acc	292.00	307.30	+ 1.80	
Prop Fd Acc	367.90	387.20	+ 0.40	
Multiple Inv Acc	879.00	925.20	- 3.30	
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	349.50	367.90	+ 0.30	
Equity Acc	1149.1	1209.6	-11.70	
Property Acc	462.60	497.00	- 0.10	
Far East Acc	215.90	227.30	- 0.20	
Managed Capital	451.60	475.30	- 3.90	
-do- Acc	889.50	936.40	- 7.40	
Overseas Acc	789.70	831.30	-13.30	...
Gilt Edged Acc	419.60	441.70	- 1.90	
Amer Equity Acc	678.00	713.70	- 4.90	
Amer Man Acc	292.20	307.60	- 2.00	
Amer Prop Acc	112.50	118.50	- 0.20	
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	133.70	140.70	+ 0.10	
Balced Ser 5	586.00	616.90	- 3.00	...
Opportunity Ser 5	125.40	131.90	- 0.40	
UK Equities Ser 5	806.00	847.30	-11.10	
Higher Inc Ser 5	820.20	863.30	-11.50	
North Amer Ser 5	430.90	453.60	+ 4.40	
Far East Ser 5	387.60	407.90	- 3.90	
Europe Ser 5	272.00	286.30	+ 2.50	
Intnl Ser 5	464.10	488.50	- 0.90	
Property Ser 5	474.60	499.50		
Fixed Int Ser 5	373.40	393.00	+ 0.60	
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	164.00	172.60	- 1.10	
Gteed Dep Ser 5	277.40	291.90	+ 0.10	
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB. 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	696.40	733.10	- 7.70	..
-do- Initial	492.10	518.00	- 5.40	...
Gilt Edged Acc	344.00	362.20	- 0.20	..
-do- Initial	245.20	258.20	- 0.10	..
International Acc	314.90	331.50	...	...
-do- Initial	223.00	234.80	+ 0.10	..
Managed Acc	433.50	456.20	- 2.90	..
-do- Initial	307.50	323.70	- 1.70	..
Money Acc	273.50	287.90	- 0.30	..
Property Acc	251.40	264.70	- 0.30	..
-do- Initial	177.00	186.40	+ 0.10	..
America Acc	250.10	263.30	+ 2.90	...
Australia Acc	153.40	161.50	- 0.50	..
Financial Acc	235.00	247.40	- 2.40	..
500 Accum	353.30	371.90	+ 0.40	..
Japan Genl Acc	252.40	265.70	- 7.60	..
Income Acc	419.80	441.90	- 5.00	..
Leisure Acc	189.00	199.00	- 2.90	..
Special Sits Acc	179.10	188.60	- 1.40	..
Univ Tech Acc	116.70	122.90	+ 0.30	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	667.14	667.14	- 6.29	...
Income Fund	631.81	665.07	-12.50	..
Extra Income	579.39	609.89	-11.70	..
Worldwide Gth	401.97	423.13	+ 0.55	.
Balanced Fund	564.76	594.49	-10.41	..
Smllr Cos Recov	555.27	584.50	+ 3.63	...
N Amer & Genrl	346.43	364.67	+ 2.40	...
Pacific Basin	311.07	327.45	- 4.81	...
German Growth	169.09	177.99	- 0.32	.
Japan Growth	117.09	123.26	- 3.37	.
The UK Gth Fd	179.82	189.29	- 3.20	...
Contl Euro Gth	94.94	99.94	- 0.20	.
Property Fund	341.18	359.14	+ 2.35	...
Fixed Interest	277.73	292.35	+ 0.51	...
Cash Fund	266.48	280.51	- 0.23	..
Managed Inv	410.29	431.89	- 4.20	..
Nth Amer Recov	224.19	235.99	+ 0.10	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	355.16	373.86	+ 1.68	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire. 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	128.80	136.30	- 0.60	...
Performance Plus	123.70	130.90	- 0.40	
With Profit Perf	155.20	164.20	- 0.30	
UK Opportunity	150.30	159.00	- 2.10	..
Euro Opportunity	157.20	166.30	+ 0.90	
North Amer Opp	123.00	130.20	- 0.50	.
Far East Opp	131.20	138.80	+ 0.20	.
Gwth Prop Ser 1	150.90	154.80	+ 0.10	.
Gth Prop Ser 2	147.50	156.10	- 0.60	..
Fixed Int	158.00	167.20	- 0.40	
Cash	147.10	155.70	+ 0.10	
Overseas	140.80	149.00		..
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA. 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	234.60	...	...	
Managed	263.01	276.90	- 2.60	..
Property	190.00	200.00	- 0.30	
Gilt & Fxd Int	207.80	218.80	- 1.10	.
Index-Linked	171.30	180.40	- 0.40	
Equity	290.40	305.80	- 4.00	.
Cash	205.90	216.80	+ 0.20	.
CLife Euro Mgd	277.20	291.80	- 1.40	..
CLife Intl Fd	279.40	294.10	- 1.20	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£112.80		- 2.90	
Property Units	£25.07		- 0.01	
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£55.15	£58.36	- 0.24	...
2nd Equity Acc	548.80	580.70	-14.00	
Acc Acc	513.90	543.70	-11.40	
2nd Property Acc	230.60	244.00	- 0.20	
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	159.80	169.10	- 0.20	
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	388.70	411.30	- 2.50	
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	187.60	198.50	- 1.40	
2nd Deposit Acc	264.20	279.60		
2nd Gilt Acc	263.70	279.00	- 0.50	
2nd Amer Acc	606.50	641.80	+16.40	
2nd Intl Man Acc	239.70	253.70	- 0.60	
2nd Index Acc	173.10	183.20	- 1.00	
2nd Far East Acc	318.00	336.50	- 3.10	.
2nd Global Acc	151.60	160.40	- 3.30	.
2nd Euro Acc	117.60	124.40	- 0.30	.
2nd Japan Acc	150.40	159.60	- 4.50	.
2nd Heritage Acc	68.40	72.40	- 0.10	.
2nd Intl Curr Bd	141.70	149.90	- 0.20	..
Capital Gth Acc	107.40	113.70	- 2.10	.
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	184.70	194.40	...	
Managed Fund	516.40	543.60	- 7.50	.
Equity Fund	290.40	305.70	- 5.80	.
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	230.20	242.40	- 0.40	.
Ruby	121.60	128.10	+ 0.20	..
Emerald	127.70	134.50	- 0.40	.
Equity	273.60	288.00	- 2.60	.
Property	176.90	186.30	...	
Gilt & Fixed Int	181.20	190.80	- 0.40	.
Indexed Secs	148.30	156.20	- 1.10	...
Cash	175.60	184.90	- 0.20	.
Nth American	193.10	203.30	+ 0.30	.
Far East	208.40	219.40	+ 3.20	.
International	171.00	180.10	+ 0.60	.
Special Sits	236.30	248.60	- 3.00	.
Intl Income	236.50	249.00	- 0.70	.
American Inc	161.30	169.80	- 1.20	.
European	224.80	236.70	+ 4.70	.
Japanese	98.90	104.20	- 2.20	.
SE Asia	238.90	251.40	+ 0.10	.
With Profits Reg	142.90	150.50	+ 0.20	.
-do- Spec	142.90	150.50	+ 0.20	.
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	249.00	262.20	- 1.10	
Equity	308.30	324.60	- 2.40	.
Property	171.50	180.60	- 0.20	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	215.00	226.40	- 1.10	.
Index Linked	156.00	164.30	- 1.10	.
Cash	227.70	239.70	+ 0.40	.
Nth American	231.40	243.60	- 0.10	.
Far East Acc	209.30	220.40	- 1.90	.
International Acc	215.20	226.60	- 0.10	.
Special Sits	347.60	365.90	- 2.10	.
European Flex	288.60	303.80	+ 4.41	.
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD. 071 248 9861				
Unitist Key	191.39	...	+ 5.39	
-do- Pacemaker	280.00	...	+ 6.31	..
-do- Cash	193.11	203.27	+ 0.11	..
-do- Equity	426.15	448.53	- 7.84	..
-do- Fxd Int	317.82	334.53	- 2.38	..
-do- Managed	313.52	330.02	- 4.64	...
-do- Property	198.32	208.76	+ 3.01	..
Pensl. Cash Cap	203.94	214.68	+ 0.06	..
-do- Cash Inv	279.44	294.16	+ 0.29	..
-do- Eculty Cap	1188.3	1250.8	-30.07	..
-do- Equity Inv	1628.2	1713.9	-26.33	..

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
-do- Fixed Cap	352.43	370.99	+ 0.56	..
-do- Fixed Inv	482.91	508.35	+ 1.10	..
-do- Index Cap	189.68	199.62	- 1.61	..
-do- Index Inv	258.53	272.15	- 2.02	..
Mngd Cap	480.41	505.71	- 7.88	..
Mngd Inv	658.26	692.92	-10.33	
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1556.30	...	-12.99	..
Var Ann (5)	280.47	...	- 1.52	..
Prime: Managed	323.70	340.80	+ 1.70	..
Prime: UK Equity	390.90	411.50	- 0.40	..
Prime: Int Equity	231.80	244.00	+ 5.20	..
Prime: Property	184.70	194.50	+ 0.20	..
Prime Fxd Int	216.40	227.80	+ 0.40	..
Prime Index-Lnk	152.20	160.30	- 0.70	..
Prime: Cash	192.70	202.90	+ 0.10	
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 3NN. 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	948.30	998.20	+39.90	..
Equity Fund	1354.6	1425.8		...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW. 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	492.40	518.30	- 5.60	..
Life Fxd Int Acc	322.60	339.50	- 1.00	..
Life Equity Acc	677.00	712.60	-10.10	..
Life Money Acc	283.10	298.00	- 0.20	..
Life Inv Tst Acc	593.70	624.20	- 5.30	...
Life Intl Acc	399.60	420.60	- 2.90	..
Life High Inc Acc	629.50	662.60	- 9.40	..
Life Property Acc	227.60	239.50	- 0.20	
Crown Brit Inv A	997.50	1095.1	..	
Brewin Equity	592.40	623.50	+ 1.30	..
DBS Managed	222.90	234.60	- 0.20	..
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	164.40	173.10	+ 0.10	
Blue Chip Fund	205.80	216.70	- 0.90	
-do- Series 2	131.40	138.40	- 0.50	
Adventurous Fd	159.00	167.40	- 4.00	..
-do- Series 2	116.70	122.90	- 3.00	
Performance Fd	201.90	212.60	- 1.90	
-do- Series 2	129.90	136.70	- 1.20	
UK Pref Fxd Int	133.00	140.10	- 0.10	
UK Equity Fund	133.00	140.20	- 0.80	
Property Fund	104.10	109.60		
Envrnmntl Opps	135.00	142.20	- 0.50	..
Euro Fund	129.70	135.50	+ 1.90	
North Amer Fd	171.70	180.80	- 0.70	...
Oriental Ops	133.20	140.30	+ 2.80	
Japanese Fund	86.30	90.90	- 2.50	
BD & West Life	111.30	117.20	+ 0.10	
BD & West Pen	122.10	128.60	+ 0.20	.
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	224.40	242.90	- 2.70	3.77
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH. 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixed)	253.40	267.00	- 1.50	..
UK Equity	343.50	362.10	- 3.40	..
Stewardship	285.40	300.50	- 2.70	..
Overseas Equity	214.40	225.70	+ 0.60	..
North American	127.30	131.90	- 0.20	..
Pacific Basin	107.50	113.20	+ 1.60	
European	151.60	159.60	+ 1.70	
Property	192.40	202.70	- 0.20	
Fixed Interest	197.10	208.10	...	
Index Linked	146.30	153.90	- 1.10	.
Cash	196.70	196.60	+ 0.10	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 5th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575				
GT Plan Far East	234.10	250.70	- 0.50	
GT Plan Wwide	362.50	381.60	- 1.70	
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	169.90	178.80	+ 0.40	
Unitised Profit	117.70	124.00	- 0.10	
UK Equity	234.20	246.50	- 2.60	
Fixed Int	172.00	181.00	- 0.90	
Index-Linked	147.10	154.70	- 1.30	
Cash Deposit	164.80	173.40	- 0.20	
Property	181.30	190.80	- 2.10	
International	152.70	160.70	- 1.10	
American	135.70	142.90	- 0.40	
Japan	183.30	192.90	- 2.70	
Japan Smllr Cos	176.30	185.50	- 2.40	
European	145.60	153.10	+ 1.70	
Pacific Fund	192.40	202.60	- 3.40	
Conv Life	127.90	134.60	- 0.40	
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	556.10	594.10	- 0.40	
-do- Inv A	390.00	410.60	- 0.50	
UK Equity	352.50	371.10	- 3.30	..
Gilt Plus	177.90	187.30	- 0.50	
Managed	260.40	274.30	- 1.30	..
Inter Man	233.00	245.40	+ 1.30	
GRESHAM UNIT 2-4 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth. 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	602.30	634.00	- 5.90	..
Money Fund	297.70	313.40	- 0.20	..
Equity Fund	534.40	562.50	-17.50	
Fixed Interest	248.60	261.90	- 1.00	..
Property Fund	324.70	342.10		
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	485.00	511.10	- 4.40	..
Income	604.60	636.40	- 9.00	
International Gth	503.50	530.00	- 0.10	
Capital Fund	526.60	555.30	+ 1.50	
Recovery Fund	504.50	531.00	- 2.60	..
Japan & General	200.00	210.70	- 1.60	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Art Prop Bds	633.70	666.10		
Managed Initial	392.00	412.70	- 5.00	..
-do- Acc	537.10	565.40	- 6.60	
Equity Initial	581.00	611.60	- 9.80	...
-do- Acc	794.10	835.90	-13.10	...
Fixed Int Initial	384.10	404.30	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	525.00	552.60	+ 0.70	...
Intl Initial	367.10	386.40	- 1.00	...
-do- Acc	501.70	528.10	- 1.20	...
Nth Amer Initial	165.40	174.10	+ 2.30	...
-do- Acc	205.70	216.50	+ 2.90	...
Pacific Initial	179.00	188.40	- 0.80	...
-do- Acc	220.50	232.10	- 0.90	...
Property Initial	150.50	158.40	...	...
-do- Acc	205.40	216.30	...	...
Index-Lnkd Intl	146.50	154.20	- 1.70	...
-do- Acc	182.30	191.80	- 2.00	...
Deposit Initial	191.90	202.00	...	...
-do- Acc	262.30	276.10	+ 0.10	...
Euro Initial	76.80	80.80	+ 1.90	...
-do- Acc	88.30	92.90	+ 2.20	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 280930				
Managed	137.50	144.70	- 1.70	...
-do- Pens	160.40	168.80	- 2.60	...
UK Equity	133.20	140.20	- 1.90	...
-do- Pens	143.00	150.50	- 2.70	...
International	116.30	122.40	- 1.50	...
-do- Pens	122.80	129.20	- 1.90	...
Deposit	132.30	139.10	+ 0.10	...
-do- Pens	152.60	160.80	+ 0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	334.00	355.40	- 5.40	...
North America	318.50	338.90	- 2.10	...
Far East Fund	416.10	442.70	- 1.50	...
Global Managed	375.60	399.60	- 3.10	...
Deposit Fund	215.30	226.70	+ 0.30	...
Prime Residential	126.20	132.90	...	
European Fund	199.30	212.10	+ 1.30	...
Fixed Interest	66.70	71.00	- 0.10	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	424.10	446.80	- 7.40	..
British Fund	440.50	464.20	- 6.10	..
International	415.70	439.90	- 3.20	..
Dollar Fund	318.90	337.50	- 1.00	..
Capital Fund	380.90	403.10	- 4.90	..
Income Fund	568.60	602.00	- 8.40	
Pr. Property Series A	376.30	398.30		
Property Units	608.50	639.00		
Financial Fund	419.30	443.80	- 2.30	
Managed Ser A	451.00	477.30	- 4.50	
-do- C	263.10	278.50	- 2.90	
Managed Units	864.30	946.70	- 9.10	
High Yield Fund	522.20	552.60	-10.20	
Money Series A	270.40	286.20	- 0.40	
Money Units	353.70	374.00	+ 0.30	
Equity Fund	517.00	540.80	- 6.70	
Fixed Interest	328.70	347.90	- 0.90	
Indexed Secs	161.10	170.50	- 1.50	
European Fund	568.40	602.10	+ 6.50	
Natural Res	207.30	219.40	- 2.60	
Far East Fund	430.10	455.20	- 3.50	
Smaller Cos	372.20	393.90	- 7.30	
Special Sits	362.70	383.90	- 2.50	
Man Currency	246.40	260.80	- 0.30	
Japanese Tech	188.10	199.10	- 4.20	
US Smaller Cos	209.30	221.50	- 2.90	
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 45181				
Global Managed	459.60	483.50	- 4.00	...
Global Property	261.10	274.80	...	
Global Fixed Int	447.70	471.20	- 2.90	
Global Equity	492.10	519.10	- 6.90	
Global Cash	210.10	210.60	+ 0.10	
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ. 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	442.80	467.20	- 1.40	..
Property	475.60	498.50	+ 0.10	..
Managed	343.30	361.70	- 3.80	..
American	347.40	365.40	+ 1.50	..
UK Equity Fd	386.90	407.50	- 6.20	..
Japan	143.90	151.50	- 5.40	..
Index-Lkd	169.30	177.20	- 2.60	..
High Yield	695.40	732.00	-10.00	..
Growth Cap	394.70	404.90	- 1.50	..
Money	376.70	396.50	- 0.40	
International	297.40	313.10	- 1.20	..
Henderson Active	174.60	184.00	+ 1.30	..
Perpetual Active	249.30	262.40	+ 1.70	
Growth Cap	384.70	404.90	- 1.50	
-do- Acc	539.90	568.30	- 5.60	..
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE. 0273 724090				
8 Sec Lnkd Inc	134.70	141.90		
-do- Acc	174.90	184.30	+ 0.10	..
Brit Opps Inc	113.90	120.20	- 1.70	..
-do- Acc	143.40	147.90	- 2.00	
Cash Initial	166.10	174.90	+ 0.20	
-do- Acc	249.20	264.20	- 0.40	
Equity Initial	561.40	591.40	- 9.90	
-do- Acc	912.80	960.90	-14.50	
Fixed Initial	325.30	342.40	- 0.30	
-do- Acc	528.40	556.53	- 0.50	
Index-Linked Gilt	125.00	131.90	- 0.90	
-do- Acc	173.70	182.90	- 1.30	
Intl Initial	277.10	291.70	- 0.30	
-do- Acc	342.30	360.70	- 0.40	
Managed Initial	407.70	429.20	- 3.50	
-do- Acc	662.50	697.40	- 6.10	
Property Initial	181.90	191.50	+ 0.20	
-do- Acc	295.00	311.00	+ 0.40	
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	296.60	311.20	- 3.00	
UK Equity	502.30	528.80	- 7.50	
Property	272.30	286.70	...	
Money Market	237.60	250.20	+ 0.40	
Fixed Interest	251.40	264.70	+ 1.00	
Japan	292.00	307.60	-17.20	
North America	149.60	157.50	- 1.00	
International	238.50	251.20	- 1.20	..

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	216.40	227.80	+ 2.50	...
Far East	94.20	99.00	- 0.30	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol. BS1 6EA. 0272 279179				
Equity	764.90	...	-11.70	...
Fixed Interest	357.50	...	- 1.60	...
Property	361.80	...	+ 0.40	...
Deposit	273.40	...	+ 0.30	...
Mixed	493.10	...	- 7.10	...
Indexed Stock	188.80	...	- 1.40	...
International	224.30	...	- 1.50	...
Equity A	178.00	...	- 2.70	...
Fixed Int A	159.10	...	- 0.70	...
Property A	159.50	...	+ 0.30	...
Deposit A	161.20	...	+ 0.20	...
Mixed A	163.20	...	- 1.70	...
Index Stock A	148.30	...	- 1.10	...
International A	140.60	...	- 0.90	...
Equity P	610.30	...	-11.40	...
Fixed Int P	457.60	...	- 2.10	...
Property P	286.50	...	+ 0.50	...
Deposit P	314.30	...	+ 0.40	...
Mixed P	439.00	...	- 5.60	...
Index Stock P	215.90	...	- 1.70	...
International P	246.70	...	- 2.50	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	478.40	...	- 3.50	...
-do- Acc	735.90	...	- 4.70	...
Property Cap	158.30	...	+ 1.10	...
-do- Acc	226.60	...	+ 1.80	...
Fxd Interest Cap	188.00	...	- 0.90	...
-do- Acc	281.00	...	- 1.10	...
Equity Cap	299.00	...	- 4.90	...
-do- Acc	456.40	...	- 6.90	...
Internatl Cap	202.30	...	- 1.60	...
-do- Acc	302.60	...	- 2.10	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	171.50	...	...	
-do- Acc	254.00	...	+ 0.10	...
Flexible Cap	314.40	...	- 3.70	...
-do- Acc	473.80	...	- 5.20	...
Moneymaker Fd	377.20	...	- 4.20	...
Capital Growth	1371.4	...	-19.00	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB. 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	370.90	394.50	+ 0.50	...
Amer Rec Bond	393.60	413.30	+ 7.60	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	205.40	215.70	+ 0.50	...
Australasia Bd	140.20	147.30	+ 1.30	..
Commodity Bond	189.60	199.20	- 0.20	..
Deposit Bond Acc	340.30	357.40	- 0.30	..
Equity Bond Acc	1117.4	1173.3	- 8.50	..
European Bd Acc	273.10	286.80	+ 5.20	..
Extra Yld Bd Acc	551.50	579.20	- 8.70	..
Far East Bd Acc	213.10	223.80	+ 1.60	..
Gilt Bond Acc	383.60	402.90	- 1.20	..
Gold Bond Acc	71.90	75.60	- 1.40	...
High Yield Bond	281.60	295.80	- 4.60	5.53
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	188.70	198.20	- 1.40	..
International Bd	566.20	594.60	- 0.30	..
Japan Bond Acc	202.00	212.20	- 5.30	..
Japan Sm Cos Ac	170.00	178.60	- 3.00	..
Managed Bonds	681.20	715.50	-11.80	...
Prop Bond Acc	298.10	313.10	- 0.30	...
Rec Bond Acc	585.40	614.70	- 4.20	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	198.10	208.60	- 2.30	..
UK Equity Acc	261.60	275.40	- 2.90	..
Special Sits	81.90	86.30	- 0.60	..
Special Sits Acc	108.20	113.90	+ 0.10	..
North American	173.80	183.00	+ 0.40	..
N American Acc	229.60	241.70	+ 0.70	..
Pacific Basin	272.10	286.50	- 2.10	..
Pacific Basin Acc	359.40	378.40	- 2.40	..
Fixed Interest	270.60	284.90	- 0.70	..
Fixed Interest Acc	357.80	376.70	- 0.70	..
Property	154.20	162.40	...	
Property Acc	203.90	214.70	+ 0.20	..
Deposit	149.10	157.00	+ 0.10	..
Deposit Acc	197.70	208.20	- 0.40	..
Managed	224.70	236.60	- 1.30	..
Managed Acc	273.50	287.90	- 1.50	..
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	584.20	614.90	- 5.70	...
Property Fund	470.60	495.40	+ 0.40	...
Equity Fund	724.80	766.20	-11.60	...
Gilt Edged Fd	532.10	560.10	- 1.60	...
Deposit Fund	310.00	326.30	+ 0.30	...
Investment Fd	309.40	324.90	- 4.70	...
International	441.00	464.30	- 3.50	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA. Admin: 0272 266366. Prices: 081 739 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	397.20	418.10	- 0.50	..
Equity Bond	286.90	302.00	- 3.10	...
Money Mrkt Bd	471.40	496.20	- 1.20	...
Deposit Fund	353.90	372.50	+ 0.40	...
Managed Fund	392.10	412.70	- 2.00	...
Intl Equity	429.20	451.70	+ 5.50	...
Intl Managed	416.90	438.80	+ 1.60	...
North American	184.30	194.00	+ 2.60	...
Far East	307.10	323.20	- 3.80	...
Intl Currency	235.90	247.80	- 1.50	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 827733				
Equity	125.00	131.50	- 1.50	...
Fixed Interest	477.00	502.10	- 1.00	...
Managed	595.90	627.10	- 5.40	...
Deposit	316.70	333.30	+ 0.20	...
Property	376.60	396.40	+ 1.30	...
American	377.40	397.20	- 3.00	...
Australian	372.00	391.50	- 7.50	...
European	418.90	440.90	- 2.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	237.50	250.30	- 1.00	...
Global Managed	120.70	127.00	- 1.20	...
Income Acc	645.50	679.40	- 6.70	...
-do- Dist	400.80	421.80	- 5.80	5.58
International	259.40	273.00	- 1.40	...
Japan Smaller	349.30	367.60	+ 0.70	...
Singapore & Mal	221.10	232.70	- 4.00	...
Smaller Cos	302.40	318.30	- 1.00	...
Tokyo Fund	497.60	524.00	-11.10	...
UK Equity	528.90	556.70	- 0.20	...
CCM Vangd Mg	620.60	653.20	- 8.60	...
Equity Pens Cap	827.30	870.80	-12.30	...
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH. 071 623 4200				
Managed	399.40	420.50	- 2.00	...
UK Equity	498.80	525.10	- 7.80	...
Overseas Equity	388.30	408.80	+ 5.50	...
American	365.70	385.00	+ 2.60	...
Far East	368.70	388.20	+ 2.40	...
Property	193.80	204.00	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	322.70	339.70	+ 0.90	...
Indexed Gilt	202.50	213.20	- 1.20	...
Deposit	202.60	213.30	+ 0.20	...
NORWICH UNION ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP. 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1151.3	1211.9	-16.00	...
Eqity Fund	2535.8	2669.3	-50.30	...
Property Fd	436.50	459.50	+ 0.40	...
Fixed Int Fd	527.80	555.70	- 0.30	...
Deposit Fund	323.10	340.10	+ 0.30	...
Intl Fund	188.90	198.80	- 1.80	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	137.60	144.90	+ 0.10	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	262.20	276.00	+ 0.30	...
Inv Equity	990.00	1042.2	-13.30	...
Inv Managed	681.70	717.60	- 7.20	...
Ret Managed	741.60	780.70	- 8.10	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB. 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	647.70	689.10	- 6.50	...
Cash Fund	316.40	333.50	- 0.40	...
Property Fund	216.10	228.90	...	
Equity Fund	736.30	783.40	- 2.00	...
Fxd Interest Fund	402.50	424.20	+ 2.40	...
International	324.60	345.40	- 1.00	...
High Income	577.10	614.00	-15.30	...
Far East	429.50	457.00	+ 3.10	...
North American	437.80	465.80	- 1.80	...
Special Sits	537.00	571.30	- 7.50	...
Technology	453.10	482.10	- 0.30	...
Extra Income Fd	316.40	336.70	- 5.50	...
Gilt Fund	437.40	465.40	+ 0.70	...
European	115.40	122.80	+ 0.90	...
Adventurous Mg	163.40	172.00	- 0.30	...
Secure Mgd	123.30	131.20	- 0.20	...
Equity Inc Dist	104.30	111.00	- 0.70	5.03
North American	99.40	105.80	- 0.50	5.68
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA. 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	252.90	266.80	- 4.80	..
Fxd Interest Acc	211.50	222.20	- 1.00	...
International Acc	199.40	210.40	- 0.30	...
Managed Acc	183.60	193.60	- 1.30	...
Property Acc	221.30	233.90	...	...
Money Acc	144.20	152.20	+ 0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	182.00	192.00	- 1.50	...
Japan Equity Acc	84.10	88.80	- 2.30	...
N Amer Acc	143.00	150.90	+ 4.20	...
Pacific Acc	116.30	122.70	+ 0.10	...
European Acc	106.80	112.70	+ 0.90	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP. 0438 734000				
Managed Ord	388.90	409.40	- 3.30	...
Managed Initial	278.90	293.60	- 2.50	...
Equity Ord	597.20	628.60	- 8.30	...
Equity Init	428.20	450.70	- 6.20	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	183.20	192.80	- 1.50	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	137.20	144.40	- 1.20	...
Overs Equity Ord	284.50	299.50	- 0.90	...
Overs Equity Init	204.00	214.70	- 0.80	...
Property Ord	219.90	231.50	+ 0.30	...
Property Init	157.60	165.90	...	...
Fixed Int Ord	250.00	263.20	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Int Init	179.30	188.70	+ 0.10	...
Deposit Ord	193.50	203.70	+ 0.20	...
Deposit Initial	138.70	146.00	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH. 071 405 9222				
Managed	281.60	293.40	- 4.10	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP. 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	618.00	650.60	- 7.80	...
Equity Fund	1241.6	1307.0	-19.30	...
Intl Fund	449.30	473.00	- 1.70	...
Fixed Interest	517.50	544.80	- 0.70	...
Property Fund	376.40	396.30	...	
Cash Fund	343.10	361.20	+ 0.30	...
Pacific Basin	221.30	233.20	- 1.40	...
N American Fd	200.30	210.80	- 0.70	...
Euro Fund	202.30	213.00	+ 2.20	...
Balanced Fund	124.90	131.50	- 1.20	...
Strategic Fund	127.00	133.70	- 0.80	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	593.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	398.10	408.50	...	...
Op Prop	407.10	428.60	...	...
Op Equity	840.70	885.00	- 2.90	...
Op High Yield	500.40	526.80	- 0.50	...
Op Managed	669.50	702.70	- 0.20	...
Op Deposit	369.20	388.70	...	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	271.80	286.30	- 3.20	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	162.00	171.50	- 2.10	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Nat High	...	...	...	...
Prop Shs	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	214.30	225.60	+ 2.70	...
Gilt	74.30	78.20		
Amer (35,34)	...	...	...	...
British	316.40	333.10	- 5.30	...
Intl Fixed Int	106.60	112.30		
Global (35,34)	146.80	154.60	- 0.50	...
Gold Share	45.10	47.50	- 0.30	...
High Income	244.70	257.60	- 3.60	...
Income	366.80	386.20	- 5.70	...
Japan	286.80	301.90	- 5.20	...
UK Smlr Cos	264.70	278.70	- 0.60	...
Mngd Growth	380.60	400.70	- 2.70	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS. 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	809.60	852.40	- 7.30	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	323.00	340.00	- 2.90	...
Equity Fund	453.90	477.70	- 5.50	...
Property Fund	245.00	257.80	...	
International	361.50	380.50	- 1.50	...
Pacific Basin	191.90	201.90	+ 3.30	...
United States	208.20	219.10	- 2.90	...
Gilt Fund	313.80	330.30	- 0.20	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	624.60	661.00	- 4.70	...
Deposit Fund (2)	344.70	364.80	+ 0.30	...
Gilt Fund	452.20	478.60	- 0.50	...
Global Equity Fd	180.20	190.70	- 0.70	...
Property Fund (46)	88.70	93.90	+ 0.10	...
AG Bond Fund	132.30	140.00	+ 0.60	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow. 041 248 2323				
Equity	469.40	494.20	- 4.70	...
Fixed Interest	315.00	331.60	- 0.90	...
Index-Linked	173.50	182.70	- 1.70	...
International	337.70	355.50	+ 3.70	...
Property	236.40	248.90	+ 0.60	...
Cash	215.60	227.00	+ 0.20	...
Managed	368.20	387.60	- 1.00	...
Cap Gteed Bd	95.20	100.30	- 1.20	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF. 031 556 9101				
Cash	169.66	178.58	+ 0.18	...
Index-Linked	142.10	149.60	- 0.90	...
Fixed Interest	159.70	168.10	- 0.40	...
Mixed	203.80	214.50	- 0.60	...
UK Equity	204.40	215.20	- 2.60	...
International	196.70	207.10	+ 2.00	...
American	222.70	234.40	+ 2.50	...
Japan	181.20	190.70	- 2.70	...
European	197.10	207.50	+ 3.80	...
Pacific	253.30	266.60	+ 1.10	...
Technology	278.00	292.60	+ 2.70	...
Currency/Currncy	203.00	213.70	- 0.50	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE. 031 225 2211				
Property	175.70	185.00	+ 0.50	...
UK Equity	302.60	318.70	- 3.80	...
American	222.40	234.20	+ 2.20	...
Pacific	241.50	254.30	- 0.80	...
European	363.90	382.80	+ 2.70	...
International	242.60	255.50	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	215.60	227.00	- 0.70	...
Index Linked	179.90	189.40	- 0.60	...
Deposit	181.30	191.00	+ 0.20	...
Managed	237.20	249.70	- 1.60	...
Worldwide	100.50	105.90	- 0.10	...
Pen Worldwide	103.40	108.90	- 0.20	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (15)	1307.9	1441.2	+24.50	...
Safety Fund	205.30	216.20	- 0.60	...
Growth Fund	194.40	204.70	- 0.40	...
Opportunity Fd	193.20	203.40	- 1.00	...
Cash Fund	163.90	172.60	+ 0.20	...
European Fund	275.40	289.90	+ 5.20	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	172.70	181.80	- 0.50	...
Index-Linked Fd	161.00	169.50	- 1.70	...
International Fd	233.00	245.30	+ 2.30	...
North American	217.20	228.70	+ 5.20	...
Property Fund	113.40	119.40	...	...
UK Equity	209.50	220.60	- 2.10	...
UK Smaller	179.00	188.50	- 0.90	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 556 9181				
Mixed	216.10	227.60	- 2.00	...
Equity	230.80	243.10	- 3.60	...
International	215.70	227.20	+ 0.50	...
Property	191.80	202.00	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	202.20	212.90	+ 0.40	...
Index Linked	161.20	169.80	- 1.30	...
Cash	176.60	186.00	+ 0.10	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU. 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	756.60	796.60	- 7.70	...
Inv Pol 2	730.20	769.20	- 7.40	...
Inv Pol 3	704.40	741.60	- 7.10	...
Inv Cash	291.60	307.10	+ 0.40	...
Mixed Fund	382.40	402.90	- 4.00	...
Equity Fund	458.60	482.90	- 7.70	...
Property Fund	206.50	217.50	+ 0.20	...
International Fd	380.90	401.10	+ 1.20	...
Fixed Interest Fd	322.80	339.90	+ 1.30	...
Indexed Stock Fd	177.40	186.80	- 1.50	...
Cash Fund	213.40	224.70	+ 0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX. 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	302.10	317.90	- 3.00	...
Equity Acc	354.70	373.30	- 4.70	...
International Acc	269.80	284.00	- 1.60	...
Property	209.10	220.10	+ 0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	198.00	208.40	- 1.30	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 031 225 2552				
Cash	252.70	266.10	+ 0.10	...
Equity	842.40	886.80	-13.40	...
European	129.80	136.70	+ 2.50	...
Far East	119.20	125.50	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	349.80	368.30	+ 1.10	...
Index Linked	184.60	194.40	- 1.70	...
International	478.80	504.10	+ 3.90	...
Managed	581.40	612.10	- 4.80	...
Nth American	139.30	146.70	+ 0.70	...
Property	304.20	320.30	+ 1.80	...
Pensions				
Cash	385.90	406.30	+ 0.40	...
Equity	1178.9	1241.0	-21.20	...
European	151.50	159.50	+ 2.80	...
Far East	88.70	93.40	- 0.50	...
Fixed Interest	461.30	485.60	- 0.30	...
Index Linked	255.10	268.60	- 2.20	...
International	644.60	678.60	+ 3.80	...
Managed	788.00	829.50	- 8.40	...
Nth American	169.40	178.40	+ 0.70	...
Property	365.50	384.80	+ 0.20	...
Stock Exchange	177.90	187.30	- 2.00	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	534.10	562.30	- 4.80	...
Equity Fund	730.90	769.40	-10.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	371.00	390.60	- 0.30	...
Index-Linked Fd	274.40	288.90	- 2.30	...
Property Fund	404.90	426.30	- 0.60	...
International Fd	494.40	520.50	- 0.40	...
N American Fd	198.40	208.90	+ 3.30	...
Far East Fund	154.60	162.80	- 0.10	...
Deposit Fund	275.80	290.40	+ 0.20	...
International Bd	264.35	...	- 2.77	...
Worldwide Bond	145.30	153.00	- 0.70	...
Worldwide Fincl	77.90	82.00	...	...
Worldwide Tech	92.50	97.40	+ 0.10	...
European	121.60	128.00	+ 2.20	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	522.00	549.60	- 8.50	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	372.90	397.50	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	461.50	...	+ 0.60	...
-do- Acc	433.70	...	+ 0.60	...
Agricultural Fd	745.60	...	+ 0.80	...
-do- Acc	716.30	...	+ 0.70	...
Abbey Nat Fd	372.00	...	+ 0.40	...
Abbey Nat Acc	395.60	...	+ 0.40	...
Investment Fd	281.90	...	- 2.40	...
Investment (A)	271.30	...	- 2.30	...
Equity	1053.6	...	-14.10	...
Equity Acc	1013.2	...	-13.60	...
Money Fund	436.00	...	+ 0.50	...
-do- Acc	418.50	...	+ 0.40	...
Actuarial Fd	488.00	...	- 3.60	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	345.30	...	- 0.20	...
-do- Acc	345.30	...	- 0.20	...
Retire Annuity	976.70	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	301.00	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	212.10	...	+ 0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	1181.2	...	-26.60	...
Managed Acc	709.20	...	-13.90	...
Equity Account	1014.3	...	-33.50	...
Mngd Fund Acc	329.60	346.90	+ 6.60	...
Equity Fund Acc	448.00	471.50	+15.20	...
Prop Fund Acc	225.00	236.80	- 1.80	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	268.90	283.10	+ 2.50	...
Money Fund Acc	207.10	218.00	+ 0.60	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	188.20	198.10	+ 3.80	...
Pers Pens Acct	1525.4	...	-33.90	...
Pens Mngd Acct	709.40	746.70	-16.60	...
Pens Guarantee	214.50	225.80	+ 0.40	...
Pens Equity	275.20	289.70	- 7.30	...
Pens Property	225.80	237.70	+ 0.40	...
Pens Fixed Int	237.70	250.20	- 2.90	...
Pens Intl	183.50	193.10	- 7.50	...
Pens Money	217.30	228.70	+ 0.30	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	175.40	184.70	- 0.40	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL. 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	727.40	765.70	- 6.30	...
Property Acc	276.30	290.90	- 1.10	...
Equity Acc	1201.5	1264.8	-18.80	...
Fixed Int Acc	342.20	360.30	- 0.80	...
Index-Linked Acc	181.70	191.30	- 1.50	...
Cash Acc	288.50	303.70	+ 0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	331.20	348.70	+ 1.00	...
Japan Acc	219.10	230.70	- 0.60	...
Pacific Acc	247.60	260.70	+ 0.20	...
Far Eastern Acc	567.20	597.10	+ 2.60	...
International Acc	414.50	436.40	- 2.10	...
Distribution Fund	259.10	272.80	- 2.10	7.33
European	138.00	145.30	+ 2.10	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	240.60	253.30	- 1.70	...
Property Fund	176.70	186.00	- 0.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	197.40	207.80	- 0.60	...
Money Fund	187.40	197.30	+ 0.20	...
Equity Fund	311.60	328.10	- 2.20	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
TSB Brit Gwth	675.50	711.10	-10.00	...
American Eagle	174.60	183.80	...	...
Australian	22.00	23.20	+ 0.30	...
Deposit	235.70	248.20	+ 0.20	...
Residential Prop	89.60	94.40	...	...
Financial	256.70	268.20	+ 0.40	...
Fixed Interest	307.40	323.60	+ 0.60	...
Gold	55.60	58.60	- 1.40	...
Income	325.30	340.40	- 5.80	...
International Sgy	343.90	362.00	- 1.30	...
Japan	278.20	292.90	- 7.00	...
Managed	508.50	535.30	- 3.10	...
International Bd	104.60	110.20	+ 0.60	...
Managed Prop	167.90	176.60	- 0.90	...
Preference	220.40	232.10	- 0.70	...
Property	251.40	264.70	+ 0.90	...
World Income	247.20	260.30	+ 1.60	...
Euro Situations	207.20	218.20	+ 2.80	...

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Lenders run short of excuses

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Just what a salesman says about the cost of a mortgage or insurance policy is frequently disputed afterwards. But it is hard for customers to prove that their recollections are correct. Banks, building societies and insurance companies often rely on belittling the financial experience of home-buyers or policyholders and overstating the experience of their sales teams.

Building societies could get away with that until this week, when seven were fined for misleading first-time buyers about loan costs. All pleaded guilty at Doncaster Magistrates' Court when faced with evidence from inspectors from the trading standards department.

The excuses flowed thick and fast. The trained staff were out of the office. The trained staff were dealing with another customer. It was lunch-time. They were busy. The system had now been changed so it could not happen again, they chorused, after paying fines totalling £16,500.

What is disquieting is that every society visited by the trading standards inspectors got it wrong. Those not in the dock were simply lucky that they do not have branches in the centre of Doncaster. In some cases, customers were not told that discounts for first-time buyers were for one year only. Payments would suddenly rise by £46 after a year and loans would cost £10,000 more over the full term than had been implied by sales people.

Equally important, annual percentage rates were not always given for loans. Only flat rates were quoted in some cases. One society even advertised loans with the wrong APR. This figure is intended to give borrowers a way of directly comparing different loans.

It should enable a borrower thinking about a fixed-rate mortgage to compare it with the variable rate on offer, and with other lenders' rates. It can happen that if variable rates do not rise during the period of the fix, the guaranteed rate will be no lower, because of application fees and other costs. Customers need to know what they are paying, otherwise they might think they will be better off so long as variable rates do not fall below the fixed rate.

Mortgages have become more complicated in the past few years. Fixed and capped rates may be available for only a few days before the money runs out, but that is no excuse for lenders being universally poor. There is precious little mortgage business currently. This should give lenders time to train staff properly. If they are not up to the job, they should not be selling mortgages and no doubt advising on the need for endowment insurance and many other expensive extras.

It's bust, fix it

Andrew Large showed himself a worthy chairman of the Securities and Investments Board this week when he publicly demanded that standards and practices among investment salesmen must be improved. In a seven-page letter to Sir Gordon Downey, chairman of the Personal Investment Authority, Mr Large made clear that regulation was intended to protect investors, not the interests of City fat cats.

He is rightly disturbed by the high lapse rates in the early years of policies and by widespread public concern about mis-selling of life products. After six months in the job, he realises that improvements cannot be left to the investment industry alone.

As the head of Prudential Assurance pointed out in the autumn when calling for statutory regulation of investment firms, self-regulation has been tried since April 1988, and has failed miserably.

Mr Large is trying to strengthen regulation of the firms that deal with private investors and has no intention of letting all the firms that passed muster for the present regime to get automatic authorisation under the improved system. That would be asking for yet more trouble. He also is keen that the public — and not only financial experts — should have a say in the way the new regulatory body is run. A majority of its board should be public interest members and not apologists for the insurance industry, he says.

Investments may be complicated but if people of the calibre of say a Queen's Counsel or the chief executive of a publicly quoted retailer cannot understand what the industry is saying, it will become patently obvious that companies are trying to hide something.

After more than two years of discussion about whether brokers should reveal how much they earn in commission to customers before they sell a policy, many in the industry accept that such details will probably have to be disclosed by both independent brokers and tied salesmen before too long. The Office of Fair Trading is likely to back this course and it would seem that the SIB may not resist it as strongly as it has in the past.

Called to account for mistaken identity

BY LINDSAY COOK
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IT IS the stuff of nightmares. Your financial identity is assumed by someone else and debts are run up. Two people with the same name banking at the same branch find that they are given each other's financial records or that money disappears from their accounts for payments they did not make.

A call at 3 am reveals that someone else has bought a car and furniture using your name and address and has not paid the bills. The private detective wants to reclaim them now (see story below).

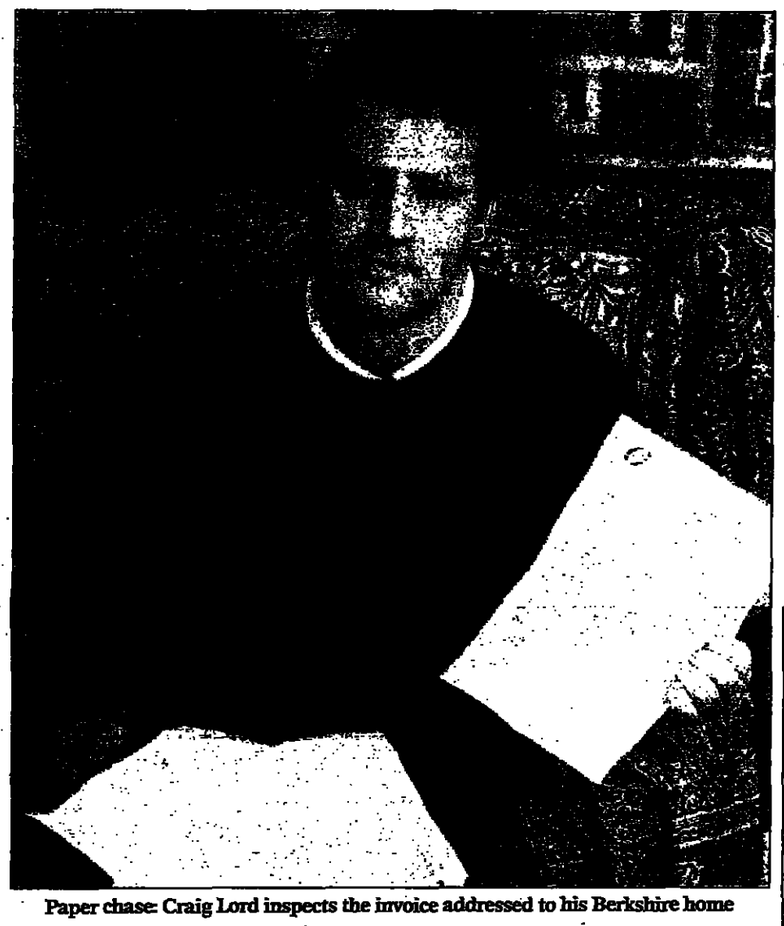
Often it is only when applying for credit that cases of mistaken identity, whether deliberate or by accident, are discovered. In some cases, people are refused credit because county court records of debts are inaccurate. Others are blacklisted because a previous owner of their home or a near neighbour has a bad credit record.

Eric Howe, the data protection registrar, estimates that 30 per cent of the complaints received each year involve credit, and cases of mistaken identity are a "significant number" of these.

From the end of July, credit reference agencies should not supply information to credit givers about third parties who are not a member of a credit applicant's family, or on anyone who does not live in the applicant's household. However, while this change will help people who find it difficult to get a loan because a previous occupant of their home was a bad payer or someone with a similar name in the same small town did a moonlight flit, it will not help with the large numbers of mistakes that get on to public and credit reference records.

John Lamidey, assistant data protection registrar responsible for finance and credit, said problems arose because information was supplied by the creditor to county courts. Often when people reneged on a debt, they also moved house and the creditor had to use a debt tracing agency to find them. The agencies were paid by results and might not be scrupulous in establishing that the name and address they supplied were those of the person owing the money.

"The debt tracing agencies are paid by results and often don't get the right man. The lender whacks in a court case and it can go through the system with the wrong person named and not knowing anything about it. The first time they find out about a county court judgment against them is when they apply for credit. When the information supplied to the court is wrong it takes a lot of unscrambling. We are looking at the problem," he said.



Paper chase: Craig Lord inspects the invoice addressed to his Berkshire home

In other cases, it is the quality of the information that the courts accept in a case that cause the difficulty. "The classic case was a man with the initials MRS. The case was recorded against Mr and Mrs at his parents' address and his record remained spotless," Mr Lamidey said.

The courts were prepared to accept cases with only a surname and street and town name. This could cause problems for people with the same surname living in a long road.

"There is nothing we can do about this because the court records are not computerized. When we investigate cases it is patently obvious that mistaken identity is the cause of many of the problems," he added.

Last year's data protection registrar's annual report detailed many cases where mistaken identity caused problems. One credit applicant was refused a loan on the basis of information on his credit reference file relating to someone with a different name who used to live near him. A couple were refused credit because of a number of items relating to another family with the same surname living in another street in the same village.

One person received a vehicle registration document for a car he did not own. He told the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency he was not the owner but still received a parking ticket for the car. Investigations revealed that someone with a similar name and address was the real owner of the car.

In other cases, it is wrong information about the right account, such as the customer who was recorded as owing £99,998 because of computer error when a loan was paid off.

Some credit reference agencies plan to restrict information about third parties from April — three months ahead of the deadline. Under the new rules, they will be able to give information about people of the same surname at the same address and about the applicant from a previous address and people with the same surname living there at the same time.

But if a married couple use different surnames and do not have joint accounts, the credit reference agencies should not supply information on the husband when a wife applies for credit or vice versa, Mr Lamidey said. However, if the couple have one joint account they can each find out all about each others' credit card bills and personal loans by applying to a credit reference agency for information about themselves. Their partners' details will then be supplied as a matter of course.

A nanny or lodger with a different name should not tarnish a family's reputation after July. Currently they could.

When two into one does go at the bank

IN MAY 1991, Kathleen Shufflebotham noticed that cashpoint withdrawals were being made from her Barclays Bank account. In the next two months, a total of £640 was withdrawn, mostly in tranches of £50, the maximum that could have been withdrawn in one day. The withdrawals were all made in Mrs Shufflebotham's home town, but on every occasion, she said she and her card were elsewhere.

So far, Barclays has refused to refund her money. Now she and her solicitor believe she may be the victim of a case of mistaken identity at her bank branch.

This week, she joined her name to a court action against large high street banks, alleging "phantom withdrawals" through cashpoint machines and challenging the banks to defend their systems. J Keith Park, a Merseyside solicitor, is fighting nine banks on behalf of 750 customers. A High Court hearing will take place on February 19, when the judge will set a deadline for more bank customers to be joined to the action against the banks.

Mrs Shufflebotham recently went into her bank to open an account for her son and was asked for her account number. When she produced it and it was keyed into the bank's computer, a set of bank details with a different address, relating to another Mrs Shufflebotham, showed up on the screen. The bank confirmed that there was another customer with the same name and initials, who was no relation, banking at the same branch.

J. Keith Park is now investigating the possibility that the bank assumed that the two Mrs Shufflebothams were one and the same and gave them both the same account number and personal identification number (PIN). Banks insist that no cashpoint withdrawals can be made without both the card and the PIN. Mrs Shufflebotham has not received any bank statements for some time and discovered withdrawals were being made from her account only when she asked for her balance at the bank. Nick Davies, a solicitor at J Keith Park, said it was also possible that a new card and PIN number could have been sent to the wrong address.

Mrs Shufflebotham said: "This has meant a terrible lot of stress for the family. The bank even asked if my 73-year-old mother could have used my card to make withdrawals." The bank would not discuss the possibility that it had confused two different people on the ground of banking confidentially, she added.

Barclays said it was continuing to investigate the case.

Another Barclays customer also believes he has been the victim of mistaken identity. John McKenna discovered that £160 had been withdrawn from his account via a cashpoint, which had been credited with two payments of £80 from the Enterprise Allowance Scheme for small businesses. Mr McKenna has never used a cashpoint and says he never intends to do so. He then found that his nephew, who has the same initials and who banks at the same branch of Barclays, had received a new card and PIN. His nephew believed that these had been validly issued and had withdrawn the £160.

The bank argued that it did not use names to identify customers but went by account numbers.

Mr McKenna was angry at the bank's attitude and its initial refusal to consider reimbursing him. "Until I was able to prove categorically what had gone on, there was never even the slightest indication that they were prepared to contemplate the possibility of an error within the bank and this, quite frankly, is what has made me extremely angry."

Barclays said confusion had arisen because the branch wanted to link Mr McKenna's new business account with his existing current account to make sure it used the same address for both accounts. "Unfortunately, due to human error at the branch, Mr McKenna's new account was not linked to his existing account but to that of his nephew, who shares the same name and initials and who also banks at the same branch." The mistake was corrected.

The bank has now offered to reimburse Mr McKenna.

SARA MCCONNELL

Haunted by an opposite number

THE issuing of the same National Insurance number to two different people with similar names eventually led to one of them being called at three in the morning by a private detective trying to trace a car and furniture he wished to repossess (Lindsay Cook writes).

Craig Lord, a journalist on *The Times*, first noticed something was wrong in October 1991 when he thought there was a discrepancy in his NI contributions record. He was later told by the social security department that two people with the same surname had been given the same number. As he was the younger of the two he had to be given a new number.

He was asked to take all his P60s to the DSS at Bracknell to prove who he was and what he had paid into the NI fund. "I found this rather irritating: it seemed the mistake was theirs but the onus was on me to prove that I had been paying regular NI contributions. If I could not supply P60s going back to 1978 it was inferred that the contributions would not be allocated to me," he said.

At the time he began receiving calls from people claiming to be from private detective agencies working on behalf of finance companies. "They declined" to give their names, and would only say that they believed I owed them money on goods that had been bought on hire purchase," Mr Lord said.

They then suggested a relative at the same address in Berkshire had bought the goods — but Mr Lord lives alone.

He later received a four-page apology from the DSS and forgot about the incidents until December last year when his pay slip suddenly showed the old NI number. His wages department said that the contributions agency had now issued that number for him. Since the old number returned he has received two calls, one at 3 am, from someone calling himself a detective who said he wanted to repossess a car, among other goods which had not been paid for.

Last week, he received an invoice from Sovereign Finance of Manchester: this suggested that someone with the same surname, c/o Craig Lord and at his address, had leased goods at a cost of £50.37 a month. When contacted by Mr Lord, Sovereign Finance already knew he worked for *The Times*. "I asked if it was customary for finance companies to have people's names on their books who had never signed any documents authorising the use of their name," Mr Lord said.

On Thursday, after Weekend Money contacted the firm, Steve Wrench, from the company's collections team, told Mr Lord that the invoice was for VAT purposes and that he would not be pursued for any money. The firm told Weekend Money that the account went back to December 1987, but it would not say what had been leased or where it was delivered.

John Lamidey, assistant data protection registrar, said the registry was concerned that NI numbers should not be used as identifiers. "The credit industry is always looking for the most unique identifier so that accounts cannot be confused. Our view is that it was not created to help companies for credit purposes." The widespread use of the number could lead to abuse, he added.

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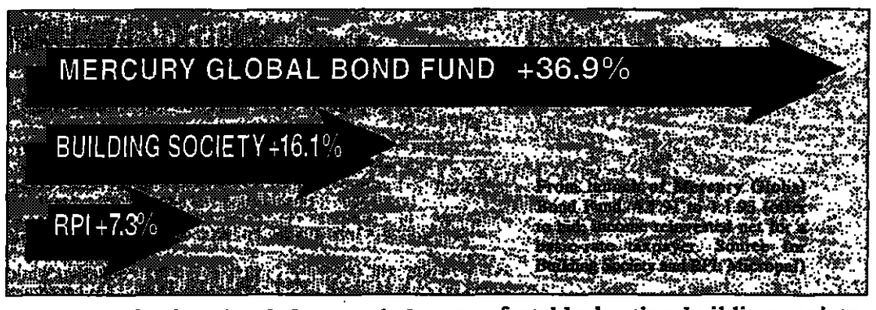

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Revenue wants to return overpaid tax to savers

By Lindsay Cook
MONEY EDITOR

THE Inland Revenue is renewing its efforts to persuade up to 10 million savers to claim back £800 million in tax deducted from interest paid on savings. It launched a £2 million campaign this week to tell pensioners and married women how to claim the overpaid tax.

However, those who try to get the money may have difficulty in getting any help from the bank or building society where the account is held. This is particularly the case for those who have lost more than £50 of their interest and want to claim it back before the end of the tax year, as they are entitled to do.

Many investors are finding that banks and building societies are unhelpful in providing the certificates detailing how much tax has been deducted. They must be included with claims for repayment. Others have stopped providing interest statements to savers to cut costs.

Abbey National automatically sends all its investors a statement at the end of the tax year detailing the interest earned by an account before and after tax. The Halifax Building Society, which does not send regular statements to all investors, is planning to send statements to those savers it has identified as being able to claim back tax. It has also told parents and children to make sure their accounts are registered for non-payment of tax if they qualify.

One Weekend Money reader wrote to six building societies and one bank on November 30, asking for certificates of deduction of income tax so that his wife could claim back the tax on her half of the interest. Skipton, Leeds Permanent and Nationwide building societies responded quickly with the certificates, as did the Exeter Bank. The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society wrote on December 4 saying that a certificate had been ordered and would be sent. It has not yet arrived. The Britannia Building Society and the Scarborough have not responded.

Midland Bank won an honourable mention from the Revenue for encouraging savers to claim back any overpaid tax. For the past six months, it has been putting messages on statements telling savers how to claim tax back and that interest in joint accounts can be split so that a non-taxpayer has no deduction of tax. Next month, it plans to include a message reminding non-taxpayers that they can register to have interest paid without deduction of tax.

Anyone who has an income below their personal allowances can register for interest to be paid gross. Certificates are available in all banks and building societies and from Inland Revenue offices.

In the current tax year, which ends on April 5, single people can earn £3,445 before they pay tax and married men can earn an extra £1,720 as can single parents. Those over 65 can earn £4,200, with married couples having an extra allowance of £2,465. Over 75, the allowance is £4,370 and the married allowance is an extra £2,505.

Because interest rates have fallen heavily this year many savers who thought they would be taxpayers at the start of the year may now find that they are not. If that is the case, it is possible to sign a declaration now and for the bank or building society to restore the tax withdrawn or to apply to the Revenue for tax deducted.

The Inland Revenue has set up a free telephone number, 0800-66-0800. This will operate from 10am to 5pm on weekdays until mid-March unless there is sufficient demand for it to continue.

A new leaflet, *A guide for people with savings*, has been written with the help of Age Concern, as has another simple leaflet, *Are you paying too much tax on your savings?* A further leaflet is being sent with more than 8 million annual notices of coding.

A radio tape has been produced by the Revenue using Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie, the stars of the television sitcom, *One Foot in the Grave*. This tells pensioners how to get tax back on savings if they are non-taxpayers or part of their savings income falls below their tax threshold.

A survey for the Inland Revenue found that the main reason for not claiming was apathy. Savers did not think it was worth the bother or disliked paperwork.

Stars with a mission: Annette Crosbie and Richard Wilson

Final call for BT shareholders

By Liz Dolan

HOLDERS of partly-paid British Telecom shares have until the end of next month to decide whether to sell, or pay the third and final instalment.

However, only those with a regular stockbroker will be able to sell between now and February 10 at the earliest, as the most recently issued certificates, bearing the number 4 in the top right-hand corner, expired yesterday. The rest will have to wait for the replacement certificates, due to be posted on February 9.

Most experts advise those wishing to sell to do so after paying the third instalment. This is because the price historically falls immediately before the payment date, and rises afterwards. Stephen Owen, telecommunications analyst at James Capel, the stockbroker, said: "I know it's a difficult thing to do psychologically, but you usually find it's better to pay first and then sell." Mr Owen then suggests using the profit to invest in shares in BT3.

For those who can afford it, Mr Owen recommends holding on to their existing BT shares as well as investing in the new offer, as the price of the shares quoted is expected to rise before the BT3 float.

The final instalment is 105p a share, or 90p for those who opted for discounts. Cheques should be sent in time to clear by March 2. Everyone on the shareholders' register on January 4 qualifies for the next dividend payment, whether they sell or not. Those who chose to wait for bonus shares will get one for every ten held on December 31, 1994.

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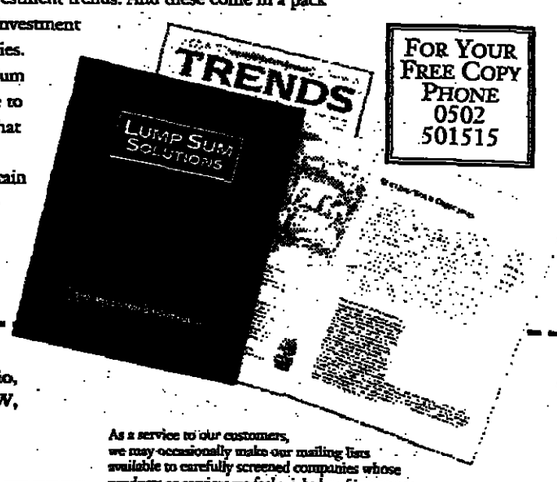

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Fighting insurers on the home front

By Sara McConnell

A HOME owner in Chiswick, West London, who has been fighting a three-year battle with Commercial Union over a subsidence claim is living in one room of her house, which she says is otherwise almost uninhabitable. Commercial Union finally admitted this week that it had taken "longer than it should have" to settle the claim, but has still not made a final payout.

However, the company challenged claims from Anna Kythreotis, the owner of the property, that its decision to accept the cheapest estimate of three quoted had been a big cause of the delays and had led to unnecessary deterioration of the house. Since the first signs of subsidence appeared, at the beginning of January 1990, the house has been "cracking up", according to Miss Kythreotis. She claimed the firm of builders approved by Commercial Union to decorate the inside of the house had caused further damage.

In January 1990, Miss Kythreotis noticed cracking in the first floor balcony of her three bedroom terraced house. She contacted Commercial Union, her insurer, which appointed a loss adjuster to inspect the property. The loss adjuster decided that there was evidence of subsidence at the back of the house, but that cracking in the balcony was not due to subsidence. Commercial Union wanted the property to be monitored throughout the summer to see if further cracks appeared.

Insurers are increasingly reluctant to pay out for underpinning in subsidence cases because it is so expensive. Huge increases in the number and size of subsidence claims in 1991 have made them more reluctant to settle claims without question. Instead, they insist on a period of "monitoring" before they will pay for repairs.

Miss Kythreotis paid £6,000 for the balcony to be repaired, after discovering that the cracks had led to dry rot. However, cracks soon reappeared in the same places as before and she also discovered that doors and windows in the room opening off the balcony no longer fitted because the floor had sunk.

Finally, in January 1991, a year after she had first contacted Commercial Union, the company agreed that the cracking of the balcony was due to subsidence after all and gave her the go-ahead to get estimates. The estimate from the building firm eventually chosen by Commercial Union for the repair of the balcony was thousands of pounds cheaper than the other two estimates, at £894. Two other builders asked to quote for the underpinning of the balcony quoted £3,875 and £3,620. Miss Kythreotis pointed out to Commercial Union that there was a discrepancy of more than £3,000 between the estimate accepted by Commercial Union and the others and insisted that Commercial Union agree to accept liability if the builder's work was unsatisfactory. Commercial Union agreed to this.

Commercial Union said this week: "We do not always choose the cheapest estimate. We choose what we would regard as the best estimate. One criterion is, of course, price, otherwise we would have to put up premiums. But there is also the idea of quality." It said the builder's estimate had been accepted as reasonable by Miss Kythreotis's own engineer. The firm was also a member of the Federation of Master Builders, which should have meant it was capable of doing the work it was contracted to do, Commercial Union said.

Miss Kythreotis argued that Commercial Union should have been alerted to the possibility that the builder's work could be unsatisfactory because its estimate was so much lower than the others.

The Association of British Insurers said householders who were worried that one submitted quotation was significantly lower than others and feared the job may not be handled properly should write a note to accompany the estimate. If one estimate undercuts the others dramatically, the policyholder should ask the builder to explain why.

MARC ASPLAND

Line of dispute: Anna Kythreotis claims her house has been cracking up since 1990

The house was finally underpinned by the firm that produced the lowest estimate and passed as acceptable by Miss Kythreotis's engineer two years after the original claim was made. Commercial Union refused to accept the estimate for the decoration of the inside of the house quoted by another firm, saying it was too high. It would only accept a lower quotation from the firm that had previously submitted the lowest quotation for repairing the balcony and underpinning.

In June, Miss Kythreotis wrote to this firm cataloguing "faulty and remedial decorating work and the damage caused to my property by your workmen". This included papering and plastering the walls before repairing the cracks caused by the underpinning and failing to carry out the work set out in the estimate, so that "water was coming down the freshly papered walls.". She also told the firm that workmen had damaged furniture and fittings, including tearing a hole in a carpet.

The director of the firm rejected Miss Kythreotis's accusation of unacceptable work as "totally and very unjust" and said the work had been approved by Miss Kythreotis's engineer. The engineer said he had not issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of the decoration inside, only the underpinning.

Commercial Union has just agreed to pay for Miss Kythreotis to stay in a hotel while another firm of builders redecorates the house. It took nearly a month for the company to agree to this, despite the fact that Miss Kythreotis would not have a bathroom for three weeks, while the bathroom walls and ceiling were replaced. Under the terms of her policy, Miss Kythreotis has the right to claim up to 20 per cent of the amount her home is insured for to cover the cost of staying in a hotel. Commercial Union said its earlier hesitation was due to a misunderstanding.

The company also said this week that it would send its local claims manager round to the property to speed up the repairs.

Hurricanes blow an ill wind for the under-insured

By Karen Woolfson

WINDS have reached hurricane level in Scotland this week, reminding home owners of the January storms that caused devastating damage three years ago. Not all those who suffered loss have received compensation from insurers, though.

Motorists who have third party, fire and theft cover face the most difficulty. They can claim compensation from their own insurer in the case of fire or theft only. To claim from the other party they must prove negligence.

So, if a chimney stack is torn off a roof in a storm and falls on to a vehicle, the car owner can make a claim against the property owner only by proving the latter knew the chimney stack was unsafe and was, therefore, negligent. This could be a problem. The property owner might have to be taken to court, but in the event of a successful claim will have to pay compensation out of his own pocket or from his buildings insurance. If there is no negligence, the buildings' insurer will not pay out on behalf of the policyholder.

In another case, the driver of a vehicle recently had to stop suddenly when a heavy crane hook smashed through the roof of her car and shattered the windscreen. Although the driver has third party insurance, there is a good chance the contractor or crane driver could be pursued for car damage and, if applicable, injury. The crane was erected next to a thoroughfare, so the contractor should have ensured it did not injure pedestrians or damage cars.

If involved in an accident with a crane, a falling tree or anything else, drivers would be well advised to call the police to the scene, even if they are not hurt. Police presence will not alter the claim, but will corroborate what happened.

Witnesses are also invaluable, but if none is available the driver may be able to obtain other proof, such as skid marks on the road. Then the driver will need to seek advice from a solicitor or, if covered by insurance for legal expenses, the insurer, who will act on his behalf.

Some insurance policies automatically include legal expenses cover, such as Sun Alliance's Motorist 50+ policy. On the company's Value Plus policy legal cover can be bought for an extra £5. General Accident recently launched its MotorOptions policy that gives people legal expenses cover for an extra £10.

Michael Saunders, underwriting services manager at AA Insurance, says: "No motorist should be without legal expenses cover and we only sell motor insurance with it, which is more relevant to people who don't have comprehensive cover."

The driver can claim the damage to the car, personal injuries and any other expenses that arise from not having a vehicle. These may include a hire car for a reasonable period, to allow for the car to be repaired, or for the owner to pay for replacement, taxi or public transport fares, if a car is not hired, and loss of earnings.

Problems often arise with storm damage. If it arises from natural causes, there is nobody to sue and it is termed "an Act of God".

Clive Longhurst, of the Association of British Insurers, says: "It's a defence against liability. So if a person's roof came off in a storm and fell on a car, the owner could say it was not me who caused the roof to come off but God."

After the January 1990 and October 1987 storms, people claimed for cars that had overturned, garden sheds that had blown away and, in one case, for a greenhouse flattened by a neighbour's flying rabbit hutch. People usually have to rely on their own insurance for compensation.

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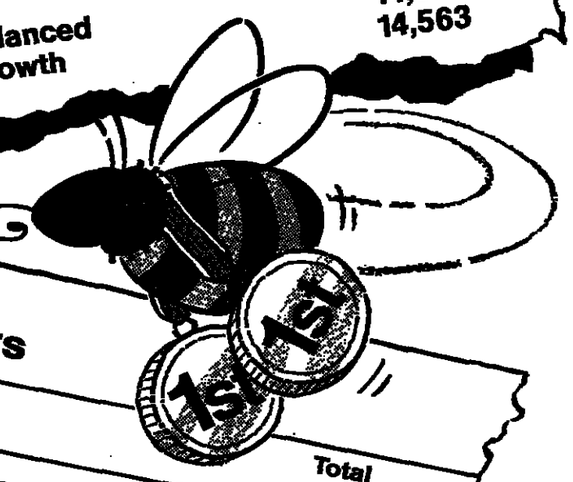

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Calling time on an investment

Margaret Dibben looks at split capital trusts and asks stockbrokers when is it best for investors to sell the shares

Options: Nigel Sidebottom, of Gerrard Vivian Gray

SHAREHOLDERS in the City & Commercial split capital investment trust yesterday voted to wind up the fund. A further meeting next month will decide the details of how this will happen.

Split capital investment trusts have become more widespread in recent years, but few private shareholders understand the importance of selling the shares at the right time.

Nigel Sidebottom, associate director of Gerrard Vivian Gray, the stockbroker, said: "Many shareholders hang on to income shares for far too long."

City & Commercial shareholders can still sell their shares in the market before the winding up and some will be better off doing that rather than waiting until the end, even though they will have to pay stockbroker's commission and the income shares will miss out on the final dividend.

Split capital investment trusts have a limited life, usually seven or ten years, after which the fund is wound up or reconstructed. Yeoman Investment Trust shareholders have just voted to extend its life by six years to the end of 1998.

Splits have several classes of shares: capital shares that take all the capital growth; income shares that receive all the dividends; and sometimes zero dividend preference shares (zeros) that pay a fixed, although not guaranteed, amount on winding up. City & Commercial, managed by Invesco MIM, has capital and income shares.

As a general principle, when splits come within one year of winding up, shareholders need to watch the share prices and net asset values carefully in case they are better off selling early. The decision will be different for different classes of shares.

Provided the price of income shares is higher than the redemption price, taxpayers are almost certainly better off selling them early rather than taking the large final dividend.

With City & Commercial, the decision is marginal. Mr Sidebottom said: "On February 2, income shares will be repaid at 25p plus a final dividend. The dividend will be about 7.68p gross, worth 5.76p to basic-rate taxpayers and 4.6p to higher-rate taxpayers and making combined payments of 30.76p or 29.6p. At present, you can sell them in the market for 31.5p, worth about 31p after costs."

Once investors are within a year of redemption they can be fairly certain that every time income shares go ex-dividend they will fall in value and not climb back to where they were before.

Nigel Sidebottom said: "You are definitely on the downward slope. You will have large dividends coming through, but it is better for a taxpayer to be out of the shares."

Vivien Gould, director of River & Mercantile Investment Management, a split capital specialist, said: "The income share price will hit a peak at some period before the winding up date because it is reflecting a substantial amount of dividend income that it is receiving. If interest rates are coming down and the dividend is moving up on income shares, the share price will rise even if winding up is a number of years off.

"Everyone thought that income share prices would come back dramatically, but in reality they haven't. Experience has shown that income shares have actually managed to retain their premium, even when the winding up date is relatively close, because the amount of dividend income being paid makes them worth that amount.

"You must look at the future income from dividends compared to the loss of capital, that is the difference between the share price today and the capital entitlement at winding up.

"As with gilts, if interest rates come down, the value of the income will rise and so the income share price goes up."

With capital shares it generally pays to hang on to the end, unless you think the share price is about to crash. You will get your money without having to pay stockbroker's commission and the shares will almost certainly be trading at a discount.

City & Commercial is currently on about a 5 per cent discount.

The next split capital investment trusts are not due to wind up until 1995: Gartmore Value, Gartmore American, City of Oxford and Sphere. These all include zero shares.

Zero shares within a few months of redemption are usually worth holding on to because this avoids selling costs and they repay a predetermined amount.

Because zeros take priority on winding up, ordinary shares need to ensure there is enough money for them as well. For example, Sphere's zero shares are not fully covered at present and, if the assets did not grow at all from the current level, then all the money available would go to pay the zeros, with nothing left over for the ordinary shareholder.

Now City & Commercial shareholders have accepted the board's proposals, they have the choice of switching into one of two Abtrust unit trusts or into a new investment trust, called New City & Commercial Investment Trust.

Mr Sidebottom said: "The unit trust route provides a guaranteed exit at close to net asset value so it is much better to wait to get out rather than sell in the market at 5 per cent discount plus charges. They can always sell the unit trusts at the first opportunity if they want the cash."

He added: "It is much more uncertain to roll into the investment trust, which is a new complicated split trust, because we don't know whether it will trade at a premium or a discount."

Schroders adds a bit of Pep to the trust

BY SARA MCCONNELL

AN INVESTMENT trust where shares can be put into a personal equity plan, allowing investors to take tax-free income, is to be launched by Schroder Investment Management on February 10.

The Schroder trust will be a split capital investment trust with three classes of share, income shares, capital shares and zero dividend preference shares. All the classes of share will be available separately. The majority, 57 per cent, of the shares issued will be income shares. These are the only class of share that can be held within a Pep and Schroders is expecting most investors to opt for these as investors have the chance of a high yield, tax free in a Pep plan.

Income shares should pay an initial gross dividend yield of 9 per cent. Those holding the shares within a Pep will pay an annual plan charge of 1 per cent, reducing the yield to 8 per cent. Holders of income shares will receive 100 per cent of the income earned by the trust.

They will also share in capital growth if the underlying growth of the portfolio is 5.2 per cent compound a year or more. However, unlike other income funds where investors can get back their original investment as long as the market does not fall, underlying capital growth of at least 4.2 per cent compound a year over the nine-year life of the fund will be needed to return shareholders' original investment.

Bridget Cleverly, marketing manager at Schroders, said investors looking for income were taking more of a risk because they had to rely on a certain amount of capital growth before being able to recoup their original investment but she added: "We would be confident this is achievable."

Holders of capital shares are not entitled to income. However, John Govett, deputy chief executive of Schroder Investment Management and chairman of the Schroder Split Fund, said capital shares should have a good chance of growth because the target yield for the underlying assets of the portfolio was 5.5 per cent, lower than some other comparable trusts. The lower the target yield on the underlying assets, the better the chance of higher capital growth, Mr Govett said.

He added: "In the current environment of falling yields on cash deposits, the 9 per cent starting income must be attractive. The underlying portfolio yield of 5.5 per cent is considerably lower than most other UK invested split capital trusts and should give us excellent prospects for generating good growth in both income and capital."

Those who want the lower risk of fixed capital growth can opt for zero dividend preference shares. These pay a fixed 8.25 per cent a year compound over the life of the fund. This class of share has first call on the fund's assets when it is wound up at the end of its life.

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Schroders has mailed information to 210,000 potential investors. Investors who subscribe for income shares held in a Pep in the launch period between February 10 and March 4 for the 1992-3 or the 1993-4 tax years, will not have to pay the 5.25 per cent initial plan fee.

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☐ At least one in four household insurance claims are exaggerated, boosting record claims by dishonesty, a survey by the Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters says. Of loss adjusters replying to the questionnaire, 85 per cent said Britons had become more dishonest in their claims and 95 per cent think a quarter or more claims are exaggerated.

☐ An investment account paying fixed interest of 7.5 per cent gross, 5.62 per cent net, for two years has been launched by the Stroud and Swindon Building Society. The minimum investment to open the account is £2,000 up to a maximum of £25,000. Interest is credited annually or can be paid monthly on minimum balances of £5,000 at 7.25 per cent gross.

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Making money from the market

Helen Pridham considers how a fixed income can by obtained from debentures, stocks and shares

NICK MALAND

INVESTORS seeking a high fixed income may not normally consider an investment in shares. Starting yields on ordinary shares tend to be low and dividends often fluctuate. However, there are some stocks and shares that can provide a high fixed income. Lower interest rates on deposits have made them increasingly attractive. But investors need to proceed with caution when buying.

Company debentures, loan stock, and preference shares all pay a fixed return. A debenture is a loan to a company that is secured against specific assets, such as property. The return is fixed at the outset and income is normally paid half yearly. There is a stated redemption date when a company is pledged to repay the loan. Sometimes companies reserve the right to repay at any time between two redemption dates. If interest rates are low, they may decide to do so at the first opportunity.

Jeremy Lewis, of Seymour Pierce Butterfield, the stockbroker, said: "Debentures work like gilts, but since no company can provide the same level of guarantee as the government, investors are taking somewhat more risk. The advantage is that yields on debentures are normally around 1.5 per cent to 2 per cent higher than gilts."

If a company fails, debenture holders are first in the queue to get their money back, after the repayment of any bank borrowings. If the assets against which they are secured have been correctly valued, they should be repaid in full. Next in line are loan stock holders. Loan stocks also pay a fixed rate of interest and have fixed repayment dates. But they are unsecured, so the risk of non-repayment is greater.

The price of debentures and loan stock varies with interest rate changes. If the interest rate on the stock is high relative to current rates, a premium will be charged, which means there will be a capital loss at redemption. However, if there is another fall in rates and the debentures are sold prior to redemption there could be a capital gain.

Debentures available include Asda Property 2011, which has a gross redemption yield of 10.81 per cent gross, and Seagram 2012, offering 9.78 per cent. Loan stocks include Trafalgar House 2001-06, with a gross redemption yield of 11.11 per cent, and Debenhams 2002-07, offering 9.57 per cent.

Neil Stapley, managing director of NatWest Stockbrokers, said: "During the sixties and seventies, debentures and loan stock were a popular way for companies to raise extra finance and it was common for private clients to have a mixture of gilts, debentures and loan stock in their portfolios. However, high interest rates during the eighties made businesses hesitant to issue expensive, long-dated loans and they looked to other types of funding such as rights issues and eurobonds. So the supply of debenture and loan stock rather dried up. Now that rates are down again, though, companies may start looking at this route again."

Although supply is limited, it is easy enough for private investors to buy and sell debentures and loan stocks that are still being traded. Michael Thomson, of Gerrard Vivian Gray, the stockbroker, said: "If you want to buy, it may sometimes be better to be patient and wait until a suitable debenture or loan stock comes on to the market that somebody has decided to sell, rather than to buy willy nilly."

Another option for those seeking a high fixed income is preference shares. A number of institutions, such as National Westminster, General Accident and Commercial Union have issued preference shares. They are generally irredeemable, so there is no date on which holders can expect repayment at par value. They will undoubtedly be attractive to some investors who want to have the certainty of a fixed income for as long as possible. And they can always be resold on the stock market, so they are not as inflexible as an annuity.

Preference shares of the NatWest, GA and CU are currently yielding between 10.57 and 10.68 per cent gross. Higher yields are available. Preference shares in McAlpine, the construction group, for example, are currently yielding 13.24 per cent. One preference share is yielding 19.05 per cent.

However, such high yields are a danger signal. Vic Van-Boolen, fixed interest specialist at NatWest Stockbrokers, said: "Higher than average yields mean that the market feels there is more risk of a company being unable to keep up the dividend payments in future. Even if a company doesn't go bust it can still pass a dividend on a preference share if it gets into difficulties. A cumulative preference share gives you more security because the missed payment will be carried forward and the company will make up the payment when it is enjoying better times again".

Convertible preference shares are also available. They give holders the option to switch into ordinary shares at a fixed price at some time in the future. So the price of the shares will be influenced by the market's view on the prospects for the company. British Aerospace 7.75 per cent Convertible Preference shares, which are trading at a discount, are currently yielding 12 per cent gross. The fact the company deferred the last dividend on its ordinary shares, appears to have made the market sceptical.

While there are some attractive fixed incomes to be obtained from all these types of fixed income shares, there is also considerable risk. If a company fails, investors could lose their capital and income. Private investors should take advice from a stockbroker.

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Financial insecurity is forcing people to budget and save

By Sara McConnell

JOHN MANNING

Adding up: Robert Worcester, left, and Maurice Paterson

PROLONGED recession has forced people to budget more regularly and carefully and to save more because they feel financially insecure, a survey published this week says.

Two thirds of the 2,017 people questioned for the survey, carried out by Mori and commissioned by Scottish Amicable, the life assurance company, said they were more careful about household budgeting than they were a year ago.

The tendency was particularly marked among those aged 25-34 and those with annual household incomes of less than £13,500 a year. Just over a third of the respondents said they did their household budgets on a monthly basis, while the remainder who did any budgeting at all did so weekly. Those with annual household incomes of more than £13,500 were more likely to be paid monthly and so budget monthly. They were likely to be from higher socio-economic classes, the report said. Just over one in five did not budget at all. Some of the most careful people were home owners who thought they would lose money on the sale of their home. Of those, 78 per cent said they now budgeted more carefully than they did a year ago.

Researchers found that the ages and social status of those who said they had become more careful with money corresponded closely to those who described themselves as more financially insecure.

Nearly half of all those questioned, 42 per cent, said they felt less financially secure now than a few years ago. However, those aged 35 to 54 felt most financially insecure, possibly because they were in the age group most likely to have children. Low household incomes also contributed to feelings of financial insecurity. Unemployment, job insecurity and the increased cost of living were the reasons most often put forward for financial nervousness.

More than half agreed that they would feel more secure if they had managed to save in the past. However, three in ten do not save at all, saying they cannot afford to do so. Those who do save regularly do so "for the future".

Building societies were the most popular destinations for savings, favoured by 51 per cent. National Savings were chosen by only 6 per cent.

Despite the heightened awareness of the need to save, only one in four Britons had taken advice about savings.

Maurice Paterson, deputy managing director at Scottish Amicable, said: "There is no doubt that the British would feel more financially stable now, had they managed to save more in the past. However, they seem remarkably averse to seeking advice about the advantages and disadvantages of the various methods of savings and investments open to them."

The survey also highlighted widespread ignorance among those in full-time work about how long employers would continue to pay salaries if an employee was ill. A quarter of respondents said they did not know.

Robert Worcester, managing director of Mori, described this ignorance as "a castigation on companies" for not communicating better with their workforces.

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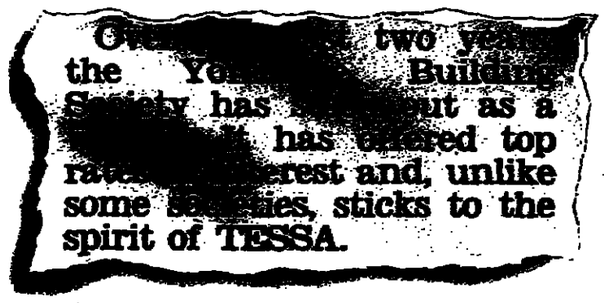

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LETTERS

Assessing a mean streak when it comes to payment

From Mr Peter Bradley
Sir, I was more than a little interested to read Lindsay Cook's "Mean Streak" article (January 9) having suffered in similar vein with the small print through Norwich Union.

A client of mine had a fire at a property and I was instructed by assessors for Norwich Union to prepare restoration details. The assessor agreed the insurer would pay my fees. Norwich Union disputes the assessor's statement and will not pay due to a technicality on my client's claim. Eighteen months later, the work is still not carried out, the building deteriorates, my fees remain unpaid. An original bill has now more than doubled.

Across my practice, dealings with the major insurance companies leave me in doubts about their integrity.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BRADLEY
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Peps lack the promised peppy returns

From Mrs Hilary Cowell
Sir, I read with interest your article on personal equity plans coming of age as an investment vehicle (Weekend Money, January 2).

The comments attributed to Mr Ken Emery, director of unit trusts and Peps for Save & Prosper have caused me to write to a newspaper for the first time, ie, "a tax-free gain of £12,325" on the original investment requires some further comment and explanation.

Has anyone actually received this gain with Save & Prosper? I doubt it very much. The charges will have reduced their original invstment to such an extent that gains on this scale will be few and far.

To date, I have invested £3,504.91 in a Save & Prosper Pep. Its current worth is £2,994.54 — not very encouraging. I contacted the S&P helpline on several occasions to query the poor performance. I received commiserations and agreement, but no advice, explanation or help. I have now transferred to a Schroder Pep, which I hope will perform rather better.

But I do object to Pep managers claiming excessive gains when the evidence for most Pep holders is quite the reverse.

The exorbitant management charges made by the companies were not anticipated when the government introduced the schemes, but have certainly misled small investors.

There is little point in trying to avoid tax when we cannot even achieve a gain.

I look forward to your and Mr Emery's comments.

Yours sincerely,
HILARY COWELL,
Avenue Rise,
13 Mount Avenue,
W5.

Military payout for pensions

From Mr James Marmion
Sir, Early collection of direct debits causing overdraft (Weekend Money, January 9) is not the only embarrassment to families on limited income.

I am in receipt of a small military pension and an old age pension. The annual military pension, paid by the Postmaster General, is divided into 12 equal sums and paid on a fixed day each month into my bank account. However, the DSS, which pays my oap, insists on sending it to my bank every four weeks. In 1992, typically, it was received into my bank on February 24, March 21, April 20, May 16, June 12, July 10, August 7 and September 4 etc. As the oap represents a substantial part (a third) of my limited income I am constantly having to watch that my various direct debits and banker's orders don't run me into an overdraft condition.

I suppose the DSS would respond that payment of the oap into a bank account is a "concession" and that I could always revert to a system of collecting the oap weekly from a local post office. Since neither the Paymaster General, the banks nor all those in receipt of my banker's orders and direct debits operate on a four-week payment system, one would have thought that the DSS could be more accommodating.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES MARMION,
Mews House,
Castle Street,
Deddington,
Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Visa vouchers open to change

From Mrs Lucy R. Baruch
Sir, Recently we took a party of eight for a meal in a restaurant and on paying by Visa at the end were given a Visa voucher to sign, which had not included the quoted 10 per cent service charge. All copies of the voucher were returned when the amended vouchers were produced for signature. So far, so good.

On returning home, we were telephoned by the restaurant, full of apologies, because we had had a new and inexperienced waiter who had charged for six and not eight meals. The correct figure was quoted on the telephone and we were informed that the voucher would be amended and we would be charged the "correct" sum. The monthly statement has now been received, and the "correct" sum has indeed been charged.

We acquiesced in what appeared to be a dodgy, not to say illegal, alteration of the Visa figure, because we still had the visitors, and, in any case did not really believe that Visa would accept the altered voucher.

Now that we have proof that Visa (and probably other credit card issuers, too) will accept amended vouchers we are very concerned that it can happen. We do check the statements against the vouchers, but there must be other people who are not so obsessional or conscientious. I had always assumed that the credit card statement would, without fail, be a reflection for the vouchers. Now I feel very concerned that the system is far from foolproof.

Has this happened to anyone else?

Yours sincerely,
LUCY R. BARUCH,
2 Queen's Walk,
Ealing,
W5.

Picking a personal equity plan portfolio versus becoming a Sid in privatised companies

From Dr Richard Jones
Sir, I read with interest Sara McConnell's article "PEPs Come of Age . . ." (January 2), which seemed to imply that Peps offer a sound investment. The example Ms McConnell takes would not have been a particularly good investment, actually. She cites a Pep in which £31,200 was invested over six years (presumably January '87 to January '93) producing growth of £12,235 (40 per cent) to give £43,960 at the end of the six-year period.

During that time, the FT-100 increased by 70 per cent (from 1,681 to 2,847) and a reasonable portfolio should have grown accordingly. In addition, some £6,500 would have been earned, after income tax, in dividends. In this way, an original investment of £31,200 would have become, after dealing expenses, almost £60,000. To be fair to Ms McConnell, the money would have to have been invested in a Pep in six annual tranches of, say, £5,200. Using this as a model and calculating the growth in accordance with the FT-100 (4 per cent, 4 per cent, 34 per cent, -11 per cent, 15 per cent and 15 per cent for the six years under consideration), and capitalising the dividend (average for the FT-100 assumed) at the end of each year, the investment would have grown to £50,057 by January 1, 1993.

If a fund manager cannot equal the performance of the FT-100 consistently, he would be considered to have performed very poorly. If Ms McConnell chose, as her example, one of the better Peps, the poorer ones should certainly be given a wide berth.

Sid would have done much better than the FT-100. If he had invested £5,200 in, say, British Gas, British Airways, BAA, British Steel, North West Water and Midland Electricity, on the same annual dates respectively, his portfolio would now be worth well over £60,000 — again, dividends after tax have been capitalised. These companies were chosen because they had been recently privatised on the relevant dates.

There has been much comment in your pages alleging that management fees for Peps soak up any tax benefits, and the examples I have given certainly support the view that investing in the stock market via Peps is not a particularly beneficial way of doing it.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD JONES,
47 School Road,
Alcester, Warwickshire.

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Northern Rock	6.30	6.30	5.04	50,000 min	90 day	——
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Best buy — all socs:						
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Nottingham	5.85	5.85	4.68	50,000 min	30 day	——
Birmingham Mid	5.96	5.96	4.77	50,000 min	60 day	——
Scarborough	6.75	6.75	5.40	50,000 min	90 day	——
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Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	081-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85			
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Financial Ass	6.60	6.60	5.60	5,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
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248	193	Adam & Harvey	198	+1	...	11.0	7.4
122	53	Air London◆	66	+1	...	...	7.1
83	34	Alfred Lake◆	37	...	...	2.0	7.2
152	81	Auto Sec	139	+11	4.9	4.7	11.3
208	80	BET (I)	93	+2	...	5.8	14.5
100	41	BMB Res	93	-3	4.9	12.3	6.2
288	208	BTP	288	+10	6.9	3.1	16.8
285	178	Barbour Index	284	...	7.2	3.4	20.9
107½	13	Beaufort◆	21	...	0.7	3.3	30.0
198	111	Brit Data Mgt	198	+5	...	2.7	16.5
14	9	Broadcastlink◆	12	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	58	...	4.0	...	18.5
142	72	CKT Gp	104	+2	2.4	3.1	11.9
434	202	Capita Group	432	...	5.4	1.2	28.7
35	19	Casket Plc	34	-½	0.5	2.0	12.8
270	259	Chiltern Capital	47	...	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	28	...	...	...	...
240	180	Chubb Sec	237	...	...	1.5	27.3
43	18	Connac	25	-2	...	...	...
31	5½	Cory Services	9	+½	...	...	...
123	48	Dext	51	...	3.3	8.6	5.8
265	145	Data Service	207	-2	7.9	5.1	17.2
115	85	Dff Facs◆	85	...	...	6.8	6.3
57	8	Gardiner	12	...	1.3	13.6	3.9
48	32	Gardner (DC)	28	-2	...	...	...
250	169	Hays	234	+4	4.6	2.6	23.0
281	187½	Hogg Robinson	213	+1	6.3	4.0	15.9
143½	43	Holmes Protectn	65	...	...	...	...
147	98	Hunch Whang	139	+1	...	...	14.9
1,102	663½	ISS B DKr	968½	...	...	1.1	13.7
576	375	Inchcape	564	+4	12.5	2.2	20.9
735	561	Johnson Clean	734	...	25.7	4.7	15.3
18½	2½	Lep	4½	+½	...	...	...
210	168	Mitie Gp	190	+3	2.7	1.9	15.5
992	662	Manpower	911	...	...	...	...
44	32½	Mitchell Page	41	...	...	1.8	5.9
225	88	Pennsa	222	...	...	...	1.2
5½	4	Prime People◆	4½	...	...	...	...
398	88	Promotion Alec	86	-1	19.5	30.3	1.8
453	355	RCO	403	...	22.6	4.2	14.0
183	117	REA	117	...	4.0	4.6	...
81	48	Reed Executive	67	...	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Rec	141	...	...	4.3	14.2
15	4	Renaminence◆	4	...	...	...	...
217	154	Rosehill	217	+3	1.6	1.0	21.9
240	180	Rotle & Nolan	240	...	6.2	3.4	16.1
354	234	Salvesen (C)	353	+3	7.0	2.6	19.5
43	35	Scot Pickfords	39	...	...	3.7	8.0
190	98	Securicor A	184	-1	8.5	6.2	10.0
13	1½	Select Appt◆	5	...	...	...	...
745	555	Serco Gp	745	+10	11.9	2.1	23.9
283	132	Shrewd Comp◆	252	...	...	3.2	6.8
157	82½	Sketchley	116	+1	3.0	3.4	14.1
360	220	Warner Howard	354	...	5.9	2.2	20.0
81	41½	Welgar	45	...	0.6	1.8	...
15½	7½	Wills Gp	15½	-½	0.1	0.9	19.8

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248	162	Allied Colloids	235	...	5.9	2.2	18.7
674	415	Amerchem	674	+11	12.5	2.5	25.0
31½	5	Anglo Ind	5½	...	0.8	1.8	...
9025	7365	BASF DM	8512	+12	...	...	8.7
260	203	BTP	238	-7	8.8	5.0	17.4
£112	9050	Bayer DM50	£106	...	...	...	5.0
200	141	Blagden	198	...	9.5	8.6	10.6
158	113	Brent Chems	154	...	7.3	6.4	72.8
453	418	Br Bio-Tech	440	...	...	...	...
95	13	Caird Gp	23	+½	2.5	15.0	5.8
179	112	Canning (W)	133	...	7.2	7.5	10.7
694	371	Courtaulds	363	+5	13.0	3.0	15.5
244	142	Croda	243	+1	7.5	4.1	18.5
231	152	Ellis & Everard	194	...	...	7.0	5.2
16½	7	Euro Colour	16	...	...	0.6	5.4
131	43	Evode	128	+1	...	3.5	3.8
273	172	Halstead (J)	273	+3	...	...	2.9
227	158	Hickson	195	-2	...	7.8	5.3
1,102	735½	Hoechst	960	+23½	...	2.5	...
1,107	925	ICI	1,103	+10	35.0	6.6	16.6
660	494	Laporte	625	+10	18.9	4.0	16.8
328	138	Leigh	308	...	7.8	5.0	17.0
290	11	MTM	12	-1	1.8	...	2.4
1,350	1,100	Nosek Hydro	1,125	...	...	...	...
1,000	965	Pancanan Zoch	998	...	11.4	1.2	16.7
355	355	-do- 'A'	355	...	11.4	4.2	15.8
701	251	Plysu	275	...	6.0	2.9	18.5
183	130	Pervair	183	...	...	2.4	19.0
11	4	Scintilla Speak	10	+½	...	...	...
472	320	Wardle Storeys	469	-5	16.0	4.5	18.9
428	270	Wimbledne F	420	-5	16.5	5.2	18.5
393	253	Yorks Chem	393	+8	...	2.5	20.5
273	214	Yule Catto	266	...	5.4	2.7	16.2

DRAPERY, STORES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	67	...	...	6.0	3.6
109	23	Amber Day	30	...	3.1	8.3	13.7
306	190	Argos Plc	262	+5	6.4	3.3	18.2
231	195	Asda	225	+1	...	3.5	18.7
74	6	Aspen Comp◆	60	+1	...	...	...
405	290	Admiral	405	+5	4.8	1.6	18.3
93	64	Alba	108	...	4.7	5.9	14.1
21	7	Alphameric	21	...	...	...	...
19	10	Armorad	15½	+½	0.4	2.3	...
54	41	Asp Hotels	41	...	...	...	...
17	12	Arlen	17	...	...	...	...
38	12	Asiec	38	...	...	...	...
218	188	Beales Hunter	208	-3	9.2	4.3	13.0
371	138	Body Shop	146	-3	1.6	1.5	16.9
13½	3	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	...	...
353	260	Brown (N)	333	+1	6.0	2.4	20.6
83½	30	Bunzon	75	+3	2.0	3.6	...
220	126	Cannons	138	...	...	2.7	39.4
359	246	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
131	58	Clinton Cards	100	...	3.7	5.0	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	215	-1	7.0	4.3	24.6
163	77	Cohen(Helena)	105	+9	...	6.8	17.0
393	300	Courts Furnish	393	...	5.0	1.7	19.6
252	100	Crown Eyes	145	...	...	5.5	6.7
111	65	Daisy Farm Ind	106	...	...	...	18.7
54½	37½	Dewhirst (D)	54½	+½	0.7	1.8	18.2
226	170	Dixons Grp	227	...	6.0	3.5	20.5
495	355	Dunhill	384	-12	7.7	2.7	13.3
33	13	ERA Gp	20	...	...	...	9.2
780	495	Dys (Wimbldn)	495	...	16.0	4.3	17.0
97	36½	Essex Fam	91	...	...	4.0	14.2
238	199	Enzm	219	...	6.6	4.0	19.6
519	340	Fine Art Dev	501	...	11.0	2.9	19.2
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	+2	4.0	...	25.6
500	438	Formtower	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
26	5	Freds Dome◆	20	...	...	...	...
75	29	Gabbicd◆	39	-1	...	6.8	7.8
69	39	Gent Sir	43	-7	2.0	6.2	12.6
33	18	Goldsmiths Gp	33	+2	1.8	...	...
2600	1800	GUS	2400	+50	48.0	2.2	19.0
1720	1310	-do- 'A'	2400	+50	48.0	2.2	19.0
75	30	Hampden Grp◆	37	+1	...	7.2	5.3
283	123	Hargreaves	220	-3	4.8	2.8	14.1
28	18½	Helens Plc	20½	...	2.8	11.4	10.3
39	19	Herlingtn◆	39	...	...	...	...
25	15	Honeysuckle◆	43	...	...	...	7.1
188	130	Hse of Lerose	143	...	10.3	9.6	21.7
48	30	Jacques Vert	45	...	2.0	...	...
518	414	Kingfisher	505	-3	13.0	3.1	16.7
73	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	64	-2	4.0	8.3	10.8
665	405	Liberty	625	+12	7.2	1.5	42.5
163	102	Lloyds Chem	120	+2	5.5	2.7	10.6
108	90½	MFI	108	...	...	...	9.8
218	168	Marks Spencer	217	+1	7.1	3.0	18.3
474	319	Menzies (John)	463	-6	10.0	2.9	16.5
140	100	Moss Bros	139	...	5.0	4.8	26.8
159½	57	Next	146	-3½	0.7	0.7	28.8
26	16	Oliver (G)	16	...	1.0	...	...
222	110	Ortlhame Int	218	+2	...	...	9.7
143	49	Pcases	57	-2	2.7	6.4	6.7
57½	3½	Pepe Group◆	5½	...	...	...	0.3
275	202	QS Hldgs	275	+7	4.7	2.3	23.3
19	7	Ratners Group	14	-½	2.4	22.9	...
307	10	Rhino Grps	28	+1	...	...	...
189	110	Sherwood Gp	159	...	...	1.9	15.3
111	54	Sears	91	...	...	4.7	22.3
523	367	Smith WH 'A'	465	-9	13.4	3.5	14.8
14	4	Specialeyes◆	14	...	...	...	...
217	87	Storehouse	208	+1	3.0	1.2	...
256	153	T & S Stores	185	...	5.5	4.0	12.0
83	27	Tie Rack	83	+1	0.5	0.8	...
165	132	Time Products	157	...	7.5	6.0	16.3
88	38	Unichem◆	37	...	...	9.0	7.3
104	53	Wickes	98	+1	...	...	77.3
28	18	Wild of Leather◆	26	...	...	...	66.9
205	102½	Wyevale	151	...	...	3.3	16.8
7	3	Xtra-vision◆	3½	...	...	...	3.2

BREWERIES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	605	+1	20.0	4.4	14.1
636	472	Bass	599	+3	18.9	4.2	13.0
205	146	Boddington	193	...	6.6	4.6	12.5
140	103	Bulmer (HP)	134	...	9.0	3.3	16.9
143	111	Burtonwd Bw	126	...	4.4	4.4	9.8
291	194	Devenish (A)	286	+5	7.8	3.7	∞
107	68	Eldridge F 'A'◆	91	...	...	4.8	26.1
64½	47	Fosters Brewing	59	+½	...	2.5	∞
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'◆	392	...	...	3.9	15.0
518	380	Grand Met	520	+5	21.0	4.0	14.1
424½	283	Greenalls Grp	404	+3	...	3.9	15.5
530	405	Greene King	513	...	11.6	2.3	13.0
644	463	Guinness	630	+3	10.8	1.7	13.5
146	105	Hardy Hanson	141	+1	7.9	5.6	∞
145	113	Hawthrns	113	...	3.0	2.6	15.7
105	78	-do- 'A' Ltd◆	78	...	...	5.2	10.0
305	191	Highland Dist	283	...	...	4.3	11.0
68	21	Hoskins Brew	63	...	...	2.0	16.1
286	214	Inverguntla Dist	286	+4	6.5	2.0	16.1
230	151	Macallan-Glen	182	...	0.7	0.6	36.7
620	380	Macdn Martn 'A'	620	...	8.8	1.8	13.2
720	515	Monsfield	670	...	13.6	2.7	14.6
246	166	Maxms Thmp	241	+1	4.9	2.7	14.1
497	394	Matthew Clark	435	...	15.7	4.8	13.3
351	195	Morgnwn Vw	283	+5	...	2.8	21.5
493	320	Morland	482	...	8.4	2.3	19.3
98	59	Peninsula	94	...	...	2.1	11.5
1020	665	SA Breweries	823	-30	...	3.5	12.5
492	380	Scot & Nwc	438	...	16.1	4.9	11.9
200	145	Thomps Cidor	191	+1	...	2.9	15.3
280	148	Vaux Group	227	+1	9.3	5.6	15.5
497	348	Whitbread 'A'	487	+2	16.9	4.8	12.1
233	165	Wolverhampn D	229	...	...	2.8	18.5
1436	1150	-do- 'B'	1175	...	16.9	1.9	32.1
660	510	Wolverhampn D	560	...	11.4	2.0	∞
545	453	Young 'A'	513	...	14.5	3.8	22.4

BUILDING, ROADS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
90	60	Abbey	90	...	...	...	1.6
26	9	Allrighton◆	14	...	...	...	30.7
128	54	Allen◆	95	...	...	10.2	10.8
183	53	Amec	65	-3½	10.2	...	6.0
32	2½	Anglia Sec	4½	...	...	...	...
95	46	Ashtead◆	70	...	4.1	3.2	22.8
191	105	Alfreeds	153	+2	5.0	5.1	19.1
223	123	BPB Ind	182	-4	11.2	...	48.3
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	80	+1	3.1	6.9	20.2
82	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	24	...	0.5	3.1	...
118	68	Bamon	83	...	1.2	2.0	15.1
106	34	Barrat Dev	100	...	2.0	2.7	11.1
328	193	Bellway	328	...	11.5	4.7	18.2
30	14	Bellwinch	31	-1	3.0	2.1	20.0
245	186	Bett Bros	240	...	...	...	1.9
303	48	Bett Bros	48	...	...	...	43.7
29	12	Blacks Leis	29	...	3.3	...	44.0
284½	121	Blue Circle	196	+1	11.2	7.7	10.6
260	140½	Bovis (Henry)	260	+2	...	3.0	12.1
182	62	Brecton PLC	105	+8	4.6	5.8	20.7
66	36	Br Dredging	64	...	7.4	11.7	10.0
162	82	BPB Ind◆	82	...	4.8	6.5	19.6
116	90	Bryant	90	...	2.5	...	...
38	20	CALA	63	...	...	4.9	11.5
457	187	CRH	217	...	...	4.3	...
38	14	Calsbrand Rby	36	...	...	...	...
47	20	Cassin	24	-1½	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	97	...	4.1	5.9	∞
66	23	Cred Nicholson	38	...	0.0	...	...
14	4	Cruden	10	...	...	...	...
8	½	Dunton◆	3½	...	...	...	7.0
12	2	Edmond Hdgs	17	...	...	1.8	15.3
211	152	Epwin	195	...	...	4.8	...
54	33	Fitch	35	...	2.0	...	...
220	170	Fm Groups	220	...	...	5.1	8.2
25	5	Forrest Ranton	6	...	5.6	...	23.2
3	1	Explorura◆	2	...	...	...	...
68	37	Freeman Gps	67	...	...	4.3	11.7
240	165	Galliford	198	...	...	...	19.7
45	13	Gibbs & Dandy	40	...	...	...	...
578	426	Glenan (AG)	516	...	12.7	2.4	10.5
114	67	Meadow-Stuart	91	-1	3.1	4.5	10.4
60	28	Hewetson	31	...	2.8	...	30.4
198	94	Higg & Hill	182	...	...	...	...
220	151	How Gp	198	...	...	2.5	6.7
620	380	Howard Hdgs	516	...	...	0.5	4.2
70	38	Howard Johnsn	62	...	...	4.0	...
65	14½	Jarvis	17	...	...	0.5	...
109	44	Jarvis (J)	109	...	...	9.0	5.7
63	37	Jelley	7½	...	...	2.0	...
122	80	Ln Clydesdale◆	83	...	...	...	11.2
68	45	Lovell (J)	11	...	...	...	5.0
190	140	Meadows	261	...	7.0	3.6	15.3
108	37	Merlin	95	-5	4.2	5.9	13.0
47	43	Marshalls	83	...	...	10.8	11.5
155	101	Maunders (J)	126	...	...	10.3	...
219	76	McAlpine (A)	90	-5	...	...	8.7

ELECTRICALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	97	-1	...	...	...
197	128	ACT Group	158	-2	4.5	3.6	16.5
231	195	Acle	225	...	...	3.5	18.7
74	6	Acorn Comp◆	60	+1	...	...	...
405	290	Admiral	405	+5	4.8	1.6	18.3
93	64	Alba	108	...	4.7	5.9	14.1
13	7	Alphameric	21	...	...	...	...
19	10	Armorad	15½	+½	0.4	2.3	...
54	41	Asp Hotels	41	...	...	...	...
17	12	Arlen	17	...	...	...	...
38	12	Asiec	38	...	...	...	...
218	188	Beales Hunter	208	-3	9.2	4.3	13.0
20	14	Bennett & Fourth	17	+1	...	...	...
287	207	BICC	338	+2	10.2	7.6	19.7
514	374	Blick	493	+5	9.2	2.5	∞
1,475	1190	Borlands	1150	...	...	...	...
290	208	Bowthorpe	286	+1	6.0	2.8	19.6
418½	305	BT	387	+1½	14.4	5.0	14.1
315	212	BT New	282½	+2	14.4	5.0	14.1
8½	5	Baigin (AF) 'A'	8	...	0.1	2.1	...
118	68	Barnfield	113	+3	...	6.8	16.2
718	480	Cable Wireless	712	+15	13.2	2.5	22.0
16½	4½	Chloride	12	-½	...	...	...
308	205	Coll. Micro◆	267	...	...	2.4	16.5
103	75	Comptr People	85	...	5.4	...	10.7
10	8	Cranbrook◆	8	...	...	...	...
136	70	Cray Elect	129	-4½	...	0.5	10.5
530	331	Delta	400	+6	14.0	4.3	17.4
280	148	Dennison Elec	270	...	6.2	2.3	18.5
491	325	Dentsply	470	...	8.5	1.8	18.5
69	43	Downtng Mills	54	+1	2.5	6.2	17.8
1015	750	Drucks	953	-2	...	4.2	22.4
275	233	Electrocomponents	268	+1	7.0	2.6	19.4
545	286	El Data Prc	545	+1	5.1	1.4	∞
58	28	Elecmon House	53	...	2.3	5.9	20.0
17½	8	Elmos	11½	+1	1.0	...	...
484	361	Eurotherm	464	+1	7.2	2.1	28.7
473	310	FKI	410	...	9.3	2.8	21.3
261	96	Farnell Elect	247	+2	5.8	2.2	18.0
16	8	Feedback◆	13	...	...	...	...
17	11	Fernand	11	...	...	...	...
30	18	First Tech	30	...	...	...	...
71	37	Forward Gps	65	+4	...	3.9	10.2
17	10	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
7	3	Gamma Group	7	...	...	...	...
185	105	GEC	288	+3	9.6	4.5	14.2
221	152	Grasby	198	...	10.9	10.5	12.1
39	15	Wilcinte◆	39	...	...	1.3	13.7
452	316	Hoskyns Gp	452	...	24	0.7	∞
135	65	INSTEM◆	87	...	...	6.4	5.5

INDUSTRIALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
198	135	AAF Inds	186	...	...	5.4	6.8
616	460	AAH	600	+5	16.3	3.0	19.1
203	122	AIM	171	...	6.5	5.1	12.1
136	76	APV	119	-1	5.4	6.1	21.5
165	50	ASW	97	...	9.0	...	18.6
139	8	Adwest	136	...	7.6	10.9	14.3
9	5	Aerospace Eng	11	-½	1.0	12.1	6.7
462	253	Aisprung	462	+3	7.5	2.2	12.8
115	38	Alexdra W	114	...	3.6	4.2	24.6
22	12	Allied Radio	12	-½	...	...	...
465	358	Alumasc	458	+2	11.0	3.2	13.9
62	37	Alvis	62	...	3.0	5.8	12.7
400	308	Amber Ind	395	...	17.0	5.9	10.3
53	13	Amberley Gp◆	20	...	...	6.7	...
160	126	Andrews Sykes	140	...	4.4	4.2	29.0
708	508	Armalgamt	708	...	...	2.7	17.2
41½	29½	Asmoor	37	-1	1.4	5.4	10.8
168	123	Ash & Lacy	161	...	6.4	5.3	13.3
3½	1	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
487	300	Avon Rubber	475	+9	16.5	4.6	∞
178	103	Azaoc Nunspa	176	...	...	...	6.7
860	645	Atlas Equipmt	650	...	...	4.5	12.8
58	35	Aycshire Metal	58	+4	...	...	...
170	107	BBA	161	-1	7.5	6.3	20.7
53	34	BLP Groups	38	...	...	...	...
677	52	Bal Gp	59	+2	3.0	11.3	2.8
734	580	BOC	743	+3	27.3	4.2	16.3
739	514	BSG	696	+2	9.2	6.2	16.7
479	286	BSS Group	409	+2	...	5.6	16.5
561	381	BTR	546½	-½	16.5	4.0	19.2
205	115	BWI	205	...	6.7	4.4	22.6
70	29½	Babcock	33½	+3½	3.3	...	7.0
75	34	Bailey (GH)	74	...	...	...	...
265	193	Baird (Wm)	245	-1	8.9	4.8	15.7
530	380	Barlow Band	518½	+18½	...	0.1	3.2
720	420	Barrett (F)	7	...	...	2.0	16.2
62	37	Baynes (Charles)	53	+1	1.3	3.4	16.9
35	11	Beresford	11	...	1.8	...	...
18	5	Bethnbhama◆	8	...	...	8.3	...
31	10	Bedford (W)◆	20	...	...	...	...
29½	15	Benson Group	22½	...	0.1	0.6	20.1
685	444	Bespak	654	+5	9.0	2.8	19.8
181	109	Bibby (J)	123	...	9.7	11.2	6.8
148	84	Bilton (J)	146	...	4.3	3.

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	101.80	108.80	-0.30	1.73
International	74.34	79.08	-0.28	1.29
Dividend Gth	52.79	56.15†	-0.64	5.34
Global Gth Sec	58.48	62.21	-0.17	3.20
Ethical Growth	61.21	65.11	-0.29	2.96
High Inc Equity	140.20	149.10†	-1.80	5.70
Worldwide Bond	248.70	263.60	-1.30	4.74
Gilts Fixed Int	126.80	134.40†	-0.20	7.07
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580. 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	40.62	42.96	-0.19	1.97
European	71.75	76.09	+1.12	...
European Inc	72.11	76.52	+0.50	1.75
Exempt	869.50	896.30†	-3.60	3.42
Extra Inc	39.88	43.27†	+0.13	5.81
F East Emerg Ec	71.99	77.48	+1.08	0.83
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon. SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	349.20	373.20	-5.60	4.57
Equity Inc	195.40	208.80†	-3.70	5.04
High Yield	216.70	231.60	-3.30	4.49
Balanced	597.60	638.80†	-9.00	2.95
American Inc	43.97	47.00	-1.00	3.62
Wld Asset Val	34.36	36.73	+0.25	2.10
Japan	128.80	136.80†	-2.40	0.01
Secs of Am	404.40	430.50	+11.50	0.36
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	296.50	315.50	-5.80	3.14
-do- Inc	212.60	226.20	-4.10	3.14
Higher Inc Acc	521.70	555.00	-8.80	4.43
-do- Inc	321.70	342.30	-5.40	4.43
Glt/Fxd Int Acc	167.50	176.90	+0.10	7.18
-do- Inc	90.27	95.34	+0.08	7.18
Nth America	261.60	278.30	-3.80	...
Far East	229.10	243.80	-4.50	3.11
Europe	195.00	207.50	-2.00	1.21
General Inc	398.40	423.90	-7.10	2.80
-do- Acc	433.90	461.70	-7.60	2.80
Brit Excell	60.71	64.59	-1.09	3.19
Brit Fndmtls Inc	61.72	65.66	-0.82	5.05
Brit Fndmtls Acc	78.64	83.66	-1.04	5.05
Global Opps	63.65	67.72	-0.01	...
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	102.70	109.80	-1.80	3.34
Euro Gth Inc	103.70	109.40	-1.60	1.35
Extra Inc	97.43	104.20	-1.70	5.85
General	226.60	242.40	-3.30	3.60
Gilt Fxd Inc	36.29	38.25	+0.02	9.07
Income	447.20	478.30	-5.30	5.23
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	89.13	94.61	-1.50	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	117.80	125.60	+1.30	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	48.45	51.81†	-0.17	7.80
Eastern	165.90	178.30	+3.20	1.70
Equity Income	72.16	76.76	-0.34	6.70
European Gth	205.50	218.50	+1.20	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	138.50	148.30	-0.90	2.00
Exempt	77.40	79.61	-1.29	3.90
German Growth	48.59	51.81	+0.19	0.80
Global Growth	99.78	106.60	+0.30	...
Japan Growth	143.10	153.50	-4.60	...
Japan Sunrise	120.30	128.40	-3.60	...
Portfolio	109.20	116.80	-1.10	3.40
-do- Acc	193.10	206.50	-2.00	3.40
UK Growth	69.13	73.54	+0.08	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	68.87	73.65	+0.25	2.00
Select Managers	58.22	62.36	-0.31	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	97.00	103.74	-1.55	2.39
-do- Inc	88.84	95.02	-1.42	2.39
Global Bond	27.56	29.24†	+0.02	5.78
High Yield Acc	48.23	51.59	-0.58	4.52
-do- Inc	35.35	37.81†	-0.43	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	76.33	81.63	-0.45	1.81
-do- Inc	70.59	75.50	-0.41	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	53.09	56.78	+0.27	0.29
-do- Inc	52.10	55.72	+0.27	0.29
Euro Gth Acc	88.79	94.96	+1.40	1.78
-do- Inc	87.97	94.09	+1.39	1.78
Mngd P folio	31.35	33.53	+0.02	1.54
Pacific Growth	79.60	85.14	-0.03	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	76.56	81.88	-0.33	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	102.90	109.60	-1.20	4.05
Smaller Cos Acc	234.20	249.40	+8.20	...
Smaller Cos Inc	137.20	146.10	+4.80	1.58
High Inc	67.92	72.33	-0.72	6.50
Income	116.00	124.00	-0.90	4.68
Mngd P folio Inc	84.67	90.17	+0.41	2.31
-do- Acc	158.50	168.80	+0.70	...
North American	103.00	109.70†	-0.50	0.20
Orient	90.44	97.28	-2.05	...
Recovery	32.60	35.05	-0.32	3.37
German	36.45	39.09	-0.24	0.10
Intl Growth	30.70	32.70	+0.04	0.24
European Inc	20.66	22.24	+0.08	0.51
Conv General	18.07	19.33†	+0.04	7.98
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	59.55	63.36	+0.21	1.51
-do- Acc	66.40	70.64	+0.22	1.51
Income Fund 5	199.30	212.10	-3.30	4.33
-do- Acc	453.20	482.20	-7.50	4.33
Inv Portfolio	63.86	68.18	-0.50	2.47
-do- Acc	71.54	74.14	-0.55	2.47
Smaller Cos	105.60	112.40†	+0.40	2.39
-do- Acc	126.90	135.00†	+0.50	2.39
High Inc P folio	56.10	58.14	-0.45	4.98
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Sbt Glt Fxd Int	68.16	69.07	+0.20	6.02
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	127.80	136.00†	-0.60	1.80
UK Growth	137.50	146.30	-2.00	2.54
UK Income	115.70	123.70	-1.20	4.79
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	73.10	78.18	+0.69	1.05
Growth	42.76	45.49†	-0.77	3.25
Income	49.47	52.63†	-0.67	4.91
Far East	37.84	40.47	-0.27	0.37
North American	82.10	87.81	+2.60	0.01
Global	78.37	83.82	+1.32	0.66
European	60.05	64.22	+0.06	1.22
Japan	78.37	83.82	-2.48	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	54.62	57.89	-0.03	7.68
UK Cap Gwth	74.05	79.20	-1.43	2.42
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	124.30	132.20	+0.20	0.11
-do- Acc	132.10	140.50	-0.30	0.11
European	61.29	64.89	+0.42	1.09
-do- Acc	63.52	67.26	+0.44	1.09
Far East Gen	43.50	46.28	-1.64	...
-do- Acc	43.50	46.28	-1.64	...
Glenfriars	223.90	238.20	+3.30	1.60
-do- Acc	251.50	267.60	+3.70	1.60
Growth	356.80	381.70	-5.10	2.66
-do- Acc	606.70	648.90	-8.80	2.66
Income Growth	352.50	375.10	-3.70	4.20
-do- Acc	461.20	490.70	-4.90	4.20
Master Portfolio	8928.0	9218.0†	-68.00	3.14
-do- Acc	10301.0	10635.0	-78.00	3.14
Special Sits	80.71	85.87†	-1.68	2.64
-do- Acc	94.46	100.49	-1.97	2.64
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1120.0	1155.0	-19.00	4.86
-do- Acc	1297.0	1338.0	-21.00	4.86
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	184.20	196.10	+1.90	1.86
Capital	501.30	534.00	-8.60	2.63
Eurotrack 100	120.30	127.90	+1.90	1.82
Euro Gth	72.13	76.84†	+1.29	2.04
Far East Growth	71.88	76.71†	-0.08	0.56
Global Bond	21.64	22.80†	+0.16	6.97
Hong Kong	64.79	69.14	+3.18	0.73
Income	470.50	501.90	-7.50	4.55
Intl Growth	65.22	69.60	+0.75	1.24
Japan Growth	182.60	194.80	-4.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	23.50	25.08	-0.56	...
Japan Index	34.57	38.23	-1.22	0.41
Nth American	398.30	428.00	-0.60	1.05
S pore Mly Gth	44.98	47.98	+0.27	...
The Footsie Fd	101.50	107.60†	-2.10	2.65
Tiger Index	124.60	132.90	+0.90	1.07
Trixle Index	93.70	100.00	-1.60	3.21
UK Index	115.10	122.80†	-2.30	3.51
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 14 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	78.54	83.87	+1.44	1.00
European P folio	65.20	69.30	+1.11	1.38
Japanese P folio	44.61	47.39	-0.83	...
Pacific P folio	80.14	86.18	+1.32	2.43
Cazenove P folio	64.52	69.01†	-0.12	3.00
UK Income Gth	58.79	63.01	-0.52	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	582.50	586.60	...	5.08
Fixed Int	151.95	152.70	...	9.50
Deposit	6.80	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	573.11	578.96	...	5.16
-do- Acc	2209.5	2215.6	...	...
Deposit	6.70	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.00	124.28	...	9.33
-do- Acc	159.85	160.17	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	60.49	63.67	+0.06	2.23
Beckman Intl	74.01	78.12	-0.90	5.12
Friars Hse Inc	167.70	179.44†	-2.01	6.87
Friars Hse Cap	236.17	252.70	-10.85	2.94
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	101.74	108.23	-0.83	0.23
European Gth	83.24	88.55	+1.53	1.72
Far East Gth	83.64	88.98	+0.09	0.19
Japan Gth Acc	30.13	32.06	-0.93	...
Managed	57.11	60.76	-0.57	3.29
-do- Acc	68.97	73.37	-0.68	3.29
Mthly Inc Plus	44.43	47.27	-0.59	9.01
Smaller Cos	29.96	31.87	+0.09	2.59
-do- Acc	32.97	35.07	+0.09	2.59
UK General	64.89	69.03†	-1.15	3.16
-do- Acc	77.83	82.80	-1.38	3.16
Wwide Bd	59.85	63.67	+0.09	6.14
-do- Acc	74.99	79.78	+0.11	6.14
Wwide Sp Sits	48.11	51.45†	-0.19	0.32
-do- Acc	50.02	53.50	-0.18	0.32
Quilter General	115.72	123.11	-1.95	2.57
-do- Acc	127.37	135.50	-2.15	2.57
Quilter Income	84.82	90.23†	-1.62	4.30
-do- Acc	104.52	111.19	-2.00	4.30
Quilter Intl	113.37	120.61	-0.32	0.36
-do- Acc	114.93	122.27	-0.33	0.36
Quilter UK Spec	64.85	68.99	-0.90	3.27
-do- Acc	85.80	91.28	-1.19	3.27
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	90.26	96.02	-1.24	2.33
Fixed Conv	39.15	41.65	-0.01	7.81
-do- Acc	100.41	106.82	-0.02	7.81
Equity Inc	134.86	143.46	-3.06	4.45
-do- Acc	425.72	452.89	-9.66	4.45
High Yield	108.50	115.43†	-1.21	5.51
-do- Acc	406.37	432.31	-4.55	5.51
Preference	44.73	47.58†	-0.61	8.45
-do- Acc	226.27	240.71	-3.11	8.45
PPT Europe	134.06	142.62	+2.80	0.86
PPT Global Bnd	77.11	82.03	+0.09	4.41
PPT Gold Com	41.74	44.41	-1.18	...
PPT Thai	54.27	57.73	+2.00	...
PPT Hong Kong	86.20	91.70	+3.14	...
PPT Japan	82.26	87.51	-2.35	...
PPT N Amer	139.75	148.66	+0.25	...
PPT S'pore Mly	90.11	95.86	-1.45	...
PPT UK	109.73	116.73	-1.90	1.68
PPT Cash	90.61	90.61	+0.08	6.33
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	66.84	71.11	+1.76	1.11
Japanese Acc	42.82	45.55	-1.28	...
UK Balncd Inc	118.00	125.50†	-1.50	2.55
-do- Acc	137.60	146.40†	-1.80	2.55
UK Growth Acc	196.90	209.50	-1.20	2.30
UK High Inc	124.50	132.40	-1.40	7.17
-do- Acc	147.00	156.40	-1.60	7.17
N America Acc	107.50	114.40	+0.50	0.34
European Acc	136.60	145.30	+2.40	0.48
UK Fxd F/I Inc	59.31	62.83†	-0.08	9.77
-do- Acc	94.28	100.10†	-0.10	9.77
Intl Sp Sits Acc	41.50	44.15	-0.14	0.26
Environmntl Opp	68.83	73.22	-0.33	1.51
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	100.90	107.20	+0.50	...
UK Smlr Cos	165.80	176.20	+1.10	1.42
Euroland	34.40	36.36†	+0.53	1.10
Mngd Exempt	156.80	161.40	-2.40	3.21
Growth Inc	204.30	217.10	-5.00	4.15
High Dist	128.30	136.30	-2.70	6.35
International	294.80	313.20	-2.80	1.04
Intl Income	73.91	78.90†	+0.97	3.30
Pacific	50.38	53.53	+0.99	0.56
Smllr Jap Cos	49.39	52.48†	-0.97	...
Tokyo	145.50	154.70	-2.70	...
Japan Exempt	82.63	84.80	-1.12	0.59
Sm Jap Exempt	407.70	418.90	-8.60	0.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	155.30	166.10	+0.70	1.27
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	99.97	105.23	-1.51	3.89
High Income	111.87	117.76	-1.78	5.36
Tst of Inv Tsts	125.95	133.63	-0.99	2.87
Special Sits	77.71	81.80	-0.77	3.59
North American	102.16	107.54	+1.65	1.10
Far Eastern	189.13	199.08	+2.00	1.60
Intl Growth	83.03	87.40	+0.48	1.60
European	57.87	60.92	+1.13	2.25
Smaller Cos	63.50	66.84†	+0.87	2.65
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	206.90	217.80	...	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00†	...	6.70
European Tst	98.27	104.50	+1.70	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	83.43	88.32	+1.40	0.74
Far Eastern	104.60	112.20	-0.60	...
Overs Income	79.71	85.30†	+0.46	2.93
UK Growth	87.25	93.32†	-0.48	1.43
UK Income	95.00	101.60	-1.40	4.16
US Smaller Cos	209.90	222.40	-0.20	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	407.90	436.20	-4.70	...
-do- Acc	416.70	445.60	-4.80	...
Capital	266.70	283.60	+0.90	2.47
-do- Acc	368.10	391.50	+1.30	2.47
Contl Smllr Cos	41.39	44.01	-0.76	1.44
-do- Acc	42.82	46.16	+0.79	1.44
Convertible	104.10	110.70†	+0.10	6.68
-do- Acc	192.70	204.90†	+0.80	6.68
European	88.08	94.20	+1.32	1.04
-do- Acc	91.01	97.34	+1.36	1.04
Extra Income	266.80	283.70	-2.40	4.78
-do- Acc	367.50	390.90	-3.30	4.78
Financial	94.01	100.00	+2.26	0.86
-do- Acc	97.84	104.00	+2.30	0.86
Health Fund Inc	128.00	136.70	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	128.00	136.70	+0.30	...
Income Tst	163.80	174.30†	-3.00	4.40
-do- Acc	228.50	243.00†	-4.20	4.40
Intl Growth	288.20	307.70	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	320.10	341.70	-0.30	...
Japan Gen	121.70	130.10	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	122.00	131.40	-1.20	...
Mngd P folio Inc	84.53	89.97	-0.07	1.94
-do- Acc	87.28	91.87	-0.07	1.94
Monthly Income	133.10	141.50†	+0.10	4.93
Recovery	265.10	283.40	+1.10	0.77
-do- Acc	309.30	330.70	+1.50	0.77
Gilt Gth Tst	59.47	61.32	-0.29	7.48
-do- Acc	74.66	76.99	-0.36	7.48
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	331.32	352.47	-4.30	3.12
-do- Acc	668.97	711.67	-8.69	3.12
Euro Gth Dist	94.97	101.03	+1.09	1.15
-do- Acc	97.80	104.04	+1.11	1.15
Fixed Int Dist	126.88	134.21†	+0.31	6.85
-do- Acc	210.59	222.75†	+0.50	6.85
Intl Gth Dist	67.52	71.83†	-0.19	0.79
-do- Acc	69.84	74.30†	-0.20	0.79
Nth Amer Dist	158.54	168.09†	+0.25	0.70
-do- Acc	171.80	182.15†	+0.27	0.70
Pac Basin Dist	196.22	208.79†	+3.10	0.42
-do- Acc	199.34	212.06†	+3.15	0.42
Stewardship Dist	275.05	292.61	-2.56	2.05
-do- Acc	325.41	346.18	-3.03	2.05
Stwd Inc Dist	56.87	60.50	+0.52	4.37
-do- Acc	69.34	73.77	-0.62	4.37
N Am Stwd Dist	89.49	95.20†	+0.35	0.03
-do- Acc	94.72	100.77†	+0.36	0.03
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	136.90	146.40	+2.00	...
European	362.70	384.80	+6.40	1.00
Far East General	176.60	187.90†	-0.20	0.34
Germany	87.06	92.17	+1.23	0.44
Global Assets In	60.71	64.93	+0.06	2.31
Global Assets Ac	63.61	68.03	+0.05	2.28
Income	99.89	106.80	+0.50	7.41
International	225.70	241.40	+1.30	1.04
Intl Income	68.80	73.24†	+0.31	4.89
Japan General	274.00	290.00	-2.50	...
Smlr Cos Div	42.77	45.75†	+0.47	6.15
UK Capital Inc	143.20	153.20	-1.70	4.14
-do- Acc	242.80	259.70	-2.90	4.07
Uk Spec Sits	63.49	67.91	+0.32	1.68
US General	103.20	109.90	+1.70	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	105.10	112.40	+0.90	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	41.37	44.25	-0.86	1.31
Cash Trust*	126.84	126.84	+0.12	5.53
Pract Inv Inc	94.54	101.38	-0.43	4.36
-do- Acc	201.84	216.45	-0.91	4.36
UK Smaller Cos	90.92	97.50	-0.21	2.04
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.13	25.81	+0.12	8.64
High Inc	28.64	30.63	-0.42	5.81
UK Equity Inc	119.66	127.98	-2.11	4.71
Ind Fxd Int	27.95	28.96†	-0.02	5.49
International Funds				
Gold Intl	56.44	60.53	-0.40	1.93
Frontier Markets	36.94	39.61	-0.29	0.38
Global Inc Gth	110.47	117.93	-0.34	2.87
UK Intl	102.48	109.60†	+0.36	1.30
Overseas Funds				
American	120.31	128.44	+0.46	0.58
European	74.49	79.01	+1.57	0.89
Euro Sel Opps	84.92	90.32	+1.89	1.32
American Emerg	71.12	76.22†	+1.71	...
Hong Kong	94.18	101.00	+4.38	2.21
Japan	146.57	155.78	-3.48	...
Pacific Growth	126.73	135.90	+1.62	0.65
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	110.32	117.99	-0.04	0.95
American Gth	115.05	123.05	+2.51	0.35
European Gth	61.79	66.09	+1.30	0.82
German Horizon	43.54	46.40	+0.38	0.92
Japan Gth	56.98	60.95	-0.29	...
Pacific Inc	112.39	120.20	+2.30	3.22
Pacific Strategy	91.41	97.77	+1.07	...
UK Prog Inc	69.17	73.98	+0.76	6.11
GI British Cos	45.97	49.17	-0.55	2.00
UK Small Cos	40.89	43.73	+0.18	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 35 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9669				
Cash	129.50	129.50	+0.10	6.31
Gilt Fixed	116.30	123.30	-0.60	6.82
Growth Equity	274.80	293.90	-4.90	2.32
Guardhill	403.20	430.70	-7.10	2.56
Income Trust	97.82	104.50†	-1.60	4.79
International	137.30	146.60	-0.70	0.28
Japan Trust	91.93	98.21	-2.59	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	238.00	254.30	+1.80	0.46
Pacific	295.90	316.10	-3.40	...
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	298.30	318.60†	+1.20	0.46
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 833968				
Global Adv Inc	32.37	34.32	-0.52	1.96
-do- Acc	33.75	35.78	-0.54	1.96
Inc Adv Inc	27.41	29.06†	-0.40	4.64
-do- Acc	28.26	29.96	-0.42	4.64
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690340				
Canadian	59.25	63.47	+0.01	0.68
Equity Income	104.00	110.60	-0.40	4.01
European	125.00	132.30	+1.40	1.56
Intl Situation	66.45	70.69	-0.02	...
Japanese	99.83	106.30	-3.00	...
North American	96.14	102.00	+0.50	0.07
Scandinavian	95.16	100.60	-1.10	0.62
Smaller Cos	27.89	29.67†	-0.61	2.20
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	86.43	92.42	-1.04	...
Asian Enterprise	104.97	112.61†	+1.57	1.21
Australian	112.42	120.17	+1.15	3.41
European	323.49	342.67	+1.82	1.38
European Inc	62.58	66.21	+0.39	2.90
Euro Sml Co	106.99	114.19	+1.11	1.24
Extra Income	238.65	254.05†	-3.32	5.85
Family of Funds	62.64	66.86†	-0.46	2.08
Fixed Interest	93.84	97.57†	+0.09	9.55
Global Resour	70.04	75.18	-0.28	1.75
High Inc	257.68	275.45	-4.65	5.15
Income Gth	217.25	231.36†	-3.51	4.23
-do- Acc	546.71	582.24†	-8.82	4.23
International	203.78	216.85	-1.57	0.96
Japan Spc Sit	166.43	177.00	-4.00	...
Japan	142.15	151.10†	-2.36	...
N Amer	219.15	233.21†	-0.48	0.22
Pacific Smllr Cos	141.79	152.05	+1.95	1.58
Pref Glt	44.94	48.84	+0.13	9.57
Smaller Cos Div	145.72	158.82	+0.76	4.98
Special Sits	236.85	253.42	-2.61	1.76
-do- Acc	362.73	388.11	-4.01	1.76
Best of British	52.05	55.84	-1.11	2.50
Spirit of the East	47.18	50.39	-0.03	0.74
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	83.18	88.96	-1.41	2.75
Capital	143.40	153.30	-2.30	2.56
Dollar	284.30	304.00	-1.00	0.27
European	173.30	185.30	+2.60	0.82
Far East	198.30	212.00†	-1.80	0.87
Financial	587.10	627.90	-3.90	2.89
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	24.87	25.76	-0.50	9.00
High Yield	90.79	97.10†	-1.84	5.65
Income	123.40	131.90	-2.40	4.15
Intl	187.60	200.60†	-2.30	0.53
Japan Tech	49.21	52.63†	-1.44	...
Nat Resources	48.36	51.72	-0.61	0.63
Security	276.70	295.40	-5.00	2.61
Smaller Cos	99.11	106.00	-0.10	2.01
Special Sits	123.20	131.70	-1.10	2.74
US Smaller Cos	68.91	73.70	+0.63	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	225.90	237.80	+0.20	1.51
Capital Gwth	99.37	104.60	-0.40	2.57
Inv Trusts	111.20	117.10	-0.80	0.82
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	20.60	22.02	+0.29	2.15
Special Features	24.99	26.55	-0.43	1.84
-do- Acc	29.30	31.13	-0.53	1.85
General Funds				
UK Growth	49.23	52.72	-0.90	2.75
Assets Earnings	67.20	71.40	-1.12	2.19
do Acc	78.32	83.21	-1.32	2.19
Managed Invest	75.00	80.15	-0.74	1.45
Rupert Children	72.01	76.76	-1.33	1.88
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.33	51.33	+0.04	5.90
Extra Inc	73.25	78.73	-1.14	5.03
Gilt	26.80	28.22†	...	7.38
Income Gth	35.81	38.29	-0.54	3.71
MIMstar	74.25	76.19	+0.02	8.65
Preference	17.06	18.12	-0.05	7.42
UK Income	283.10	302.90	-4.40	3.80
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	48.14	51.14†	+0.01	2.02
Property Shares	50.71	53.87	-0.66	2.60
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	131.20	138.00	-1.30	3.76
European Acc	100.20	106.00	+1.30	2.15
European Dist	95.31	100.90	+1.17	2.15
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	46.33	49.29	+0.02	1.03
European Perf	94.17	99.80	+1.93	1.39
-do- Acc	95.93	101.60	+1.90	1.39
Euro Small Cos	17.47	18.58	-0.33	1.06
French Growth	60.33	63.95	-0.08	0.82
-do- Acc	63.78	67.61	-0.09	0.82
Hong K/China	56.04	59.98†	+2.38	1.89
Intl Growth	44.62	47.40	-0.22	0.92
-do- Acc	44.62	47.40	-0.22	1.11
Japan Perf	23.24	24.67	-0.79	...
Accum Units	23.24	24.67	-0.79	...
Japan Smllr Cos	25.46	27.01	-0.57	...
Singapore Asean	62.01	67.07	-0.57	0.74
-do- Acc	62.40	67.49	-0.58	0.74
South East Asia	187.50	202.10	+3.10	1.05
US Smllr Cos	103.30	109.70	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	104.40	110.90	+2.60	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	73.78	78.59†	-0.11	3.02
Intl Bond	54.32	55.00	-0.21	6.75
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.37	68.71†	+0.06	6.41
Extra Income	47.70	50.74†	-0.81	7.59
Gilt Yield	115.60	121.90†	-0.20	8.37
Global Income	174.30	185.40†	+2.30	4.61
High Yield	121.00	128.70†	-0.90	6.78
Smlr Cos Div	40.66	43.25	+2.28	6.38
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	85.54	91.00	+1.32	...
North American	71.44	76.00†	+0.21	0.25
European	117.50	125.20†	+2.50	0.95
Euro Special	70.29	74.78	+1.00	1.11
General	250.60	266.60†	-12.00	3.61
Japan	286.10	304.40	-4.90	...
Japanese Special	154.10	163.90	-1.00	...
Master Acc	197.50	210.50	-0.80	1.57
Pacific	214.40	228.10	+3.80	0.41
Smaller Cos	88.93	94.61	+3.82	2.44
UK Equity Gth	31.78	33.81	-0.60	2.93
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	66.04	70.26†	+0.93	0.98
Extra Income	22.91	24.37†	-0.13	3.85
Far East	20.90	22.23	...	0.06
Income Gwth	68.90	73.30	-0.43	3.08
Intl Growth	45.41	48.31	-0.25	1.00
Japan	46.22	49.17	-1.01	...
Maximum Dist*	101.00	103.00	+0.20	8.33
N Amer Equity	37.36	39.74†	-0.16	0.45
UK Equity	80.95	86.12	-1.28	2.95
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	49.50	52.66†	-1.41	5.05
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essx. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	399.00	426.50	-7.80	3.10
Equity Acc	751.50	799.50	-14.50	3.10
Equity Income	83.72	89.08†	-1.77	4.90
European	85.54	91.00	+0.80	1.95
Far Eastern	141.80	150.90	+0.30	0.37
Fixed Interest	48.47	51.56†	-0.03	8.77
Gilt	88.03	93.35	-0.21	6.70
Global Growth	55.66	59.21	-0.27	1.13
Intl Bond	52.95	56.33	-0.12	5.56
Japanese	49.06	52.19	-1.31	...
Overseas Equity	82.19	87.44†	-0.25	0.88
Pacific Gth	69.93	74.30	+1.08	1.40
North American	128.90	137.10	-0.80	1.36
UK Recovery	69.90	74.36	-0.69	3.20
UK Smllr Cos	92.67	98.58†	-0.26	2.50
Worldwide	68.49	72.86	-0.59	3.02
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	298.40	317.50	-1.50	3.19
-do- Acc	646.20	687.50	-3.10	3.19
Contl Euro Gth	45.99	48.42	+0.42	1.67
-do- Acc	48.64	51.20	+0.44	1.67
Extra Inc	223.10	237.40	-3.10	4.57
-do- Acc	542.60	577.30	-7.60	4.57
German Gth	88.57	93.03	+0.37	0.41
-do- Acc	92.68	97.56	+0.39	0.41
Income	418.70	445.50	-6.50	4.12
-do- Acc	1061.0	1129.0	-16.00	4.12
Japan Growth	67.90	72.24	-2.20	0.01
-do- Acc	68.13	72.48	-2.22	0.01
Master Trust	48.45	51.55	-0.20	1.41
-do- Acc	52.69	56.06	-0.22	1.41
N American Gen	179.50	191.00†	+2.40	0.01
-do- Acc	207.40	220.70	+2.90	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	130.70	139.10	-0.90	0.01
-do- Acc	133.40	142.00	-0.90	0.01
Pacific Basin	174.00	185.20	+3.90	0.57
-do- Acc	183.00	194.70	+3.90	0.57
Small Cos Rec	273.10	287.50	-8.00	2.57
-do- Acc	352.30	370.90	-10.30	2.57
UK Growth	74.45	79.53†	+0.41	2.44
-do- Acc	87.16	92.73	+0.49	2.44
Worldwide Gth	248.80	264.70	+2.70	0.37
-do- Acc	366.80	390.00	+3.40	0.37
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	73.17	78.51	-1.20	3.20
Income	54.30	58.26	-0.89	6.50
International	50.10	53.75	-0.20	0.90
American	56.67	60.80†	-0.20	0.40
Japan	35.95	38.57	-0.94	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	48.19	51.71	-0.22	2.20
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	365.70	388.50	-0.60	0.81
-do- Acc	450.30	476.00	-0.70	0.81
American Rec	361.50	383.20	+6.20	0.74
-do- Acc	413.50	438.40	+7.10	0.74
Am Sm Co Acc	113.40	120.00	+0.20	...
Australia Acc	118.40	125.30	+2.30	1.95
Capital	563.50	595.90	-1.10	3.57
-do- Acc	613.60	648.80	-1.30	3.57
Commodity Acc	333.30	352.40	-0.40	1.70
Compnd Gth	743.10	785.80	-6.40	3.58
Dividend	30.70	32.90	-0.40	5.05
-do- Acc	119.80	128.20	-1.40	3.05
Equity Inc	255.80	273.70	-3.10	6.29
European Div	52.00	55.50	+0.80	5.32
-do- Acc	58.00	62.00	+0.90	5.32
European Gen	339.20	358.70†	+4.40	1.78
-do- Acc	423.70	448.00	+5.40	1.78
Extra Yield	322.60	345.20	-5.70	5.38
-do- Acc	927.00	991.90	-16.50	5.38
Far Eastern	230.70	244.00	+1.90	1.57
-do- Acc	302.60	320.00	+2.50	1.57
Fund of Inv	434.80	459.80	-1.80	2.80
-do- Acc	784.50	829.60	-3.40	2.80
General	48.30	51.10†	-0.90	4.27
-do- Acc	127.10	134.50	-2.40	4.27
Gilt Fnd Inc	60.30	60.30	-0.20	9.29
do Acc	146.60	146.80	-0.50	9.29
Gold	29.70	31.40†	-0.60	2.68
-do- Acc	34.80	36.80	-0.70	2.68
High Inc	21.40	22.60†	-0.60	5.66
-do- Acc	79.00	83.50	-2.60	5.66
Intl Growth	60.70	64.50	-0.10	1.20
-do- Acc	104.20	110.80	-0.30	1.20
Intl Inc	79.20	84.40	+0.30	8.56
Japan Gen Acc	36.20	38.20	-1.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	103.70	109.60	-1.80	0.08
Midland	44.70	47.30	-0.50	5.15
-do- Acc	141.40	149.60	-1.60	5.15
Recovery	31.40	33.60†	-0.30	3.78
-do- Acc	49.30	52.80	-0.50	3.78
Second Gen	52.80	55.80†	-0.80	4.41
-do- Acc	129.10	136.50	-1.90	4.41
Smaller Cos	52.00	55.00	+0.20	4.20
-do- Acc	96.80	102.40	+0.40	4.20
Trustee	34.00	36.00	-0.60	4.68
Charibond 3	1109.19	...	-0.43	9.87
Charifund 2	567.80	573.50	-7.20	5.61
Pension ex I	790.90	810.70	-10.60	4.87
NAACTF Inc 3	143.75	...	-0.25	8.35
-do- Acc 3	1006.2	...	-6.50	8.35
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Fnd Inc	123.40	131.90†	-1.40	2.72
-do- Acc	137.00	146.50†	-1.50	2.72
UK Income	101.40	108.50†	-2.00	3.30
-do- Acc	113.20	121.10†	-2.20	3.30
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	68.19	72.93	+0.99	0.69
Far East (Pacific)	107.20	114.30	+1.60	0.50
Income Growth	67.24	71.38	-0.15	3.87
European	59.00	62.63	+0.47	2.21
Nth American	53.06	56.32	+0.42	1.28
UK Growth	71.14	75.62	-0.64	1.63
Intl Growth	79.06	84.14	+0.01	0.65
Charities	100.90	107.10	-1.80	4.68
Intl Income	58.75	62.36†	-0.17	4.42
Japan	36.54	38.78	-0.97	0.15
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	180.40	191.40	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	192.80	204.50	+1.30	...
Cash	101.40	101.40	+0.10	7.12
-do- Acc	127.30	127.30	+0.10	7.12
European Gth	173.90	184.10	+1.30	0.38
-do- Acc	186.20	197.10	+1.40	0.38
General	433.90	462.90	-5.60	2.77
-do- Acc	813.50	867.80	-10.40	2.77
Global Dist	126.80	133.20	+1.10	5.55
-do- Acc	139.00	146.00	+1.10	5.55
Income	129.10	137.60†	-1.70	5.29
-do- Acc	185.70	198.00†	-2.30	5.29
International	330.00	351.00†	-0.10	1.19
-do- Acc	438.10	465.80†	-0.20	1.19
Japan	135.20	143.40†	-2.70	...
-do- Acc	138.80	147.20†	-2.80	...
New Europe	121.00	129.10	-0.30	1.55
-do- Acc	121.00	129.10	-0.30	1.55
Recovery	263.20	280.80	-1.80	3.41
-do- Acc	328.90	350.90	-2.20	3.41
European Inc	67.25	71.20†	+1.25	3.30
-do- Acc	85.12	90.33†	+1.59	3.30
Brit Blue Chip	67.94	72.32	-0.89	3.69
-do- Acc	79.53	84.68	-1.04	3.69
Portfolio	68.47	72.85	-0.61	3.31
-do- Acc	76.72	81.64	-0.68	3.31
Gold General	48.21	51.43	-0.28	4.72
-do- Acc	48.87	52.13	-0.29	4.72
Pacific	76.50	81.67	+1.28	0.70
-do- Acc	80.94	86.74	+1.36	0.70
UK Smaller Cos	45.64	48.73	+0.32	1.89
-do- Acc	50.70	54.18	+0.35	1.89
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 520 206. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	54.37	58.15	-0.29	3.64
-do- Acc	54.37	58.15	-0.29	3.64
British Dist	73.40	78.50	-1.34	2.74
-do- Acc	81.08	86.72	-1.44	2.74
European Gth	149.80	159.80†	+2.70	0.29
-do- Acc	188.00	200.50	+2.70	0.29
Extra High Inc	62.91	67.28†	-0.48	7.00
-do- Acc	109.70	117.30	-0.80	7.00
Gilt Fixed Int	54.88	57.20†	+0.08	7.30
-do- Acc	142.90	148.90	+0.20	7.30
High Yield	198.50	212.20	-2.40	5.53
-do- Acc	455.40	487.10	-5.50	5.53
Income	255.70	273.50	-4.90	4.45
-do- Acc	524.90	561.40	-10.10	4.45
Japan Gth	238.30	254.80	-7.20	...
-do- Acc	251.60	269.00	-7.50	...
Mandarin Acc	81.17	86.81	+1.11	1.41
North American	154.60	165.30†	-1.20	0.44
-do- Acc	194.40	207.90	-1.40	0.44
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	242.90	258.50†	+1.50	0.49
Cash Inc	100.08	100.08†	+0.08	6.57
Cash Acc	120.85	120.85†	+0.09	6.57
Euro Gth Acc	223.40	238.70†	+5.80	...
Europa	101.40	109.10	+3.20	...
Intl Gth	145.90	155.70	-1.30	...
Japan Tracker	52.45	55.57†	-1.58	...
UK Equity Inc	131.80	142.10	-2.40	5.52
-do- Acc	158.70	171.10	-2.90	5.52
UK Ind Tracker	133.90	143.40	-2.00	3.68
US Eq Ind Trkr	180.50	192.90	+0.90	1.38
-do- Acc	189.90	203.00	+1.00	2.10
Asian Trader	123.40	134.00	+2.90	1.16
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	163.70	167.30	-0.40	2.97
European	54.42	55.89	+0.63	1.34
Olympiad	47.57	48.76	-0.20	0.81
Global Bond	45.68	46.14	-0.63	5.73
Smaller Cos	55.76	58.15	+0.22	2.02
Equity Income	86.19	88.58†	-1.37	5.18
UK Growth	78.89	81.39	-0.48	1.86
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	44.40	47.36	-0.06	0.76
Australian Acc	247.20	265.20	+1.00	...
Conscience	59.83	63.85†	+0.10	1.44
-do- Acc	64.21	68.52	+0.10	1.44
European	152.40	162.50	+0.49	1.33
-do- Acc	162.60	173.40	+0.50	1.33
Extra Income	68.25	72.83	-0.78	6.19
-do- Acc	102.20	109.00	-1.10	6.19
Far East Gth	127.00	135.70	...	0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.78	60.11	-0.12	7.67
Gold	24.20	26.11	-0.64	...
-do- Acc	26.16	28.12	-0.68	...
Income	47.97	51.16†	-0.70	5.57
-do- Acc	143.70	153.28	-2.20	5.57
International	25.96	27.85	-0.05	0.97
-do- Acc	37.30	40.02	-0.07	0.97
Jap Sm Cos Acc	226.20	241.20	-1.50	...
S pore Mly Acc	133.50	143.10	+0.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	21.82	23.48†	-0.51	2.05
Special Sits	29.76	32.00	-0.64	1.91
-do- Acc	33.96	36.51	-0.34	1.91
Tokyo	58.23	62.11	-2.10	...
-do- Acc	58.82	62.74	-2.12	...
US Smllr Co Acc	100.50	107.40	+0.70	...
UK Equity	149.50	159.50†	-2.90	3.14
-do- Acc	277.30	295.60	-5.60	3.14
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	63.71	67.78	-0.71	3.07
N&P Glt Fxd Int	72.35	76.57	-0.11	7.12
N&P Higher Inc	165.20	175.30†	+0.50	5.57
N&P UK Income	91.68	98.06†	-1.24	4.47
N&P Intl	78.23	84.12	-1.18	2.39
N&P Smaller Cos	63.61	68.04	-0.83	2.02
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	146.04	155.37	-0.77	3.35
Global	233.39	248.29	-2.67	1.31
Income	181.20	192.77†	-0.34	4.62
Intl Bond	115.66	123.05	-1.07	7.44
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.				
Growth	129.00	135.80	-1.60	3.02
-do- Acc	223.40	235.10	-2.90	3.02
Income	200.00	212.70	-2.50	4.10
Intl Equity	189.40	201.50	-1.20	1.27
-do- Acc	207.40	220.60	-1.30	1.27
Equity	202.20	215.20†	-3.00	2.80
-do- Acc	410.20	436.30	-6.20	2.80
UK Intl 25 Acc	62.82	66.83	-0.88	2.25
UK Income	54.71	58.20†	-0.81	3.57
UK Smllr Co Acc	61.99	65.94	+0.08	2.13
New Europe Acc	55.88	59.45	+0.70	1.70
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	74.80	79.58	+2.25	0.26
PEP Gth Inc	87.02	93.07	-0.65	1.28
Intl Gth	411.73	440.36	+5.09	1.44
Income	257.51	275.42	-3.91	4.50
W wide Recov	251.05	268.51	+1.21	1.03
American Gth	187.42	200.45	+3.02	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	152.88	163.51	+2.73	0.25
Far East Gth	154.72	165.48	+0.21	0.39
Europ Gth	99.10	105.99	+1.61	1.26
UK Growth	67.35	72.04	-0.63	3.21
High Income	70.42	75.32†	-0.83	5.36
Japanese Gth	144.49	154.05	-2.54	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	151.80	161.50	-0.50	1.07
High Income	98.39	104.70	-1.10	4.14
Conv Gilt	107.00	113.80	+3.00	6.80
Far East	253.10	271.40	+2.00	0.14
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	46.47	49.44	-0.28	0.59
Emerging Mkts	51.87	55.18	+0.12	0.26
General	44.62	47.47†	-0.81	3.61
International	73.88	78.60	-0.21	1.45
Gilt Units	21.81	23.58	-0.07	8.45
Global PEP	32.24	34.30	-0.30	2.27
Income Gth	57.79	61.46	-0.05	5.72
European	38.61	41.07	+0.45	1.29
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.45	26.01†	-0.01	6.40
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Priceline: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tr**	26.63	28.48	-0.10	1.69
Pru Gth Hvn Inc	101.52	101.52	-0.10	6.22
-do- Acc	103.39	103.39	+0.09	6.22
Pru Equity	619.50	662.96	-10.41	2.83
Pru Equity Inc	74.51	79.68	-1.14	4.34
Pru European	153.61	164.29†	+1.78	2.05
Pru Global Gth	70.78	75.69	-0.58	1.70
Pru High Inc	79.43	84.95†	-1.02	5.76
Pru Intl	136.60	146.09†	-0.44	1.48
Pru Intl Sm Co	58.28	62.33	+0.16	1.04
Pru Japanese	126.34	135.12	-3.72	...
Pru Nth Amer	131.16	140.27	-0.27	0.50
Pru Pacific Mkt	62.87	67.24	+0.61	2.09
Pru Prefer Inc	47.80	49.78†	-0.19	7.69
Pru Smllr Cos	73.42	78.52	+0.14	2.67
Pru Spec Sits	91.46	97.81†	-1.38	2.73
Pru UK Grwth	103.22	110.39	-1.56	2.68
** Formerly Holborn Trust.				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	143.98	154.99	-1.68	4.00
Japan	195.36	209.49	-4.38	...
Major UK Cos	88.87	95.42†	-1.30	2.79
America Income	435.89	466.99	+5.05	0.70
-do- Acc	506.29	542.41	+5.86	0.70
Smllr UK Cos	225.34	240.83	+0.34	2.14
Smllr European	218.98	234.49	+3.69	1.80
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (PEPs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	66.02	70.21	-0.16	3.91
Capital Units	128.40	136.50†	-1.70	1.71
Commodity	81.23	86.41	-2.78	1.32
European Gth	134.20	142.70	+0.90	1.22
Financial Sec	148.80	158.20	-1.40	2.39
High Return	194.10	206.40†	-5.60	5.26
High Yield	192.10	204.30	-6.20	4.89
Income Units	98.54	104.80	-2.30	7.81
Investment	149.50	159.00	-0.50	1.86
Japan Gth	100.20	106.50	-2.30	...
Japan Smaller	139.70	148.60	-1.70	...
Masterfund	40.43	43.03†	-0.20	1.35
Scotbits	216.60	230.40†	-2.30	2.40
Scotshares	232.30	247.10	-3.10	4.22
Scotyields	209.30	223.00	-3.20	4.51
Select Intl	114.30	121.50	-1.20	0.76
Smaller Cos	196.20	208.70	-0.10	4.91
Special Situation	98.69	105.10	-1.30	0.91
UK Equity	208.20	221.40	-3.80	3.35
US Growth	131.10	139.40	...	0.37
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	227.11	242.25	+2.43	0.61
-do- Acc	245.36	261.71	+2.63	0.61
Australian	111.73	119.17	+1.81	0.29
-do- Acc	130.50	139.20	+2.12	0.29
UK Enterprise	182.10	194.23†	-5.84	3.98
-do- Acc	210.33	224.34	-6.75	3.98
European Gth	55.43	59.12†	+1.02	1.39
-do- Acc	57.38	61.20	+1.06	1.39
Euro Smllr Cos	49.20	52.47†	+1.37	0.80
-do- Acc	49.58	52.88	+1.38	0.80
Far Eastern Gth	56.93	60.72	-1.08	...
-do- Acc	57.35	61.20	+1.09	...
Fixed Interest	51.25	54.07	-0.17	7.09
-do- Acc	61.40	64.72	-0.21	7.09
Gilt Income	100.58	106.00	-0.61	8.80
-do- Acc	135.99	143.31	-0.82	8.80
Income	274.82	293.14	-6.94	4.54
-do- Acc	796.02	849.10	-20.09	4.54
Japan Enterprise	46.68	49.79	-0.63	...
-do- Acc	46.68	49.79	-0.67	...
Japan Smllr Cos	296.63	316.40†	-1.54	...
-do- Acc	297.22	317.03	-1.54	...
Pacific Gth	73.83	78.75	+1.53	0.88
-do- Acc	75.62	80.65	+1.56	0.88
Smaller Cos	164.08	175.01†	+0.87	1.75
-do- Acc	188.04	200.57	+1.00	1.75
Tokyo	75.60	80.63	-1.64	...
-do- Acc	76.36	81.45	-1.62	...
UK Equity	186.95	199.41†	-4.43	3.43
-do- Acc	346.19	369.27	-8.20	3.43
US Smllr Cos	116.18	123.92	+2.04	...
-do- Acc	116.18	123.92	+2.06	...
World Fd	63.83	68.08	-0.77	1.92
-do- Acc	66.78	71.23	-0.81	1.92
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	38.31	40.80	-0.52	5.25
Equity Strategy	57.41	61.14	-0.83	2.69
European Opps	63.77	67.91	+0.56	3.22
Maximum Inc	100.31	102.98	+0.15	6.74
UK Smaller Cos	44.36	47.24	+0.06	3.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	321.30	343.40	-5.40	3.29
American	232.00	246.20	-0.90	0.85
Pacific	253.80	271.40	-2.10	0.93
European	398.90	426.60	+2.40	1.39
Worldwide	71.21	76.17	-0.09	1.79
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	286.30	304.60†	-3.60	3.15
UK Sm Cos Eqty	181.40	193.00†	-1.40	3.19
European	294.90	313.80	+2.80	1.82
North American	239.50	254.80	+1.60	0.61
Income Plus Inc	59.15	62.93	-0.36	4.15
UK Spec Sits	61.69	65.63	+0.65	2.79
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	23.54	25.19	-0.41	3.52
Intl Growth Acc	24.45	26.17	-0.06	1.26
Global Inc Acc	28.54	30.55†	+0.09	4.16
Market Ldrs Acc	24.16	25.86	-0.34	3.96
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	77.90	83.31	-1.05	...
Euro Spec Sits	38.70	41.11	+0.75	...
-do- Acc	40.97	43.52	+0.79	...
Far East Opps	26.46	28.59†	-0.46	...
-do- Acc	27.39	29.38	+0.48	...
General Growth	92.67	99.59†	-1.71	2.57
Global Tech	117.30	126.60	+1.80	...
Income Growth	92.49	99.54†	-1.66	4.21
Income Monthly	53.98	57.73	-0.04	6.02
Japan Growth	58.00	61.66†	-1.49	...
Overseas Gth	65.79	70.01	-0.43	...
Smaller Cos	64.18	69.04	+0.53	2.31
Special Opps	85.06	91.46	+1.45	2.52
Wld Spec Sits	39.71	42.77†	+0.21	...
-do- Acc	39.80	42.86†	+0.20	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	40.38	42.91	-0.60	1.92
Equity Gth Acc	56.27	59.79	-0.45	1.21
UK Eq General	39.81	42.30	-0.81	2.53
-do- Acc	52.23	55.50	-1.06	2.53
European Acc	37.09	39.41	+0.17	1.37
Far East Acc	42.01	44.64	-0.92	0.45
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.34	31.03	-0.20	7.09
N American Acc	42.08	44.71	-0.06	0.58
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	231.20	250.00	-2.40	1.80
UK Eq High Inc	32.48	34.51	-0.90	4.24
-do- Acc	38.08	40.43	-1.04	4.26
UK Lgr Cos Inc	274.30	292.70	-5.60	4.03
UK Lgr Cos Acc	352.90	382.00	-7.20	4.03
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Bircham Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N233.36	N233.49†	-0.04	0.89
US Eq	$1.999	$2.018	+0.04	0.09
Far East Eq	Y1196.6	Y1207.8	-2.50	...
Japan Eq	Y1195.5	Y1204.5	-3.00	...
FT Europe	104.47	110.90	+0.80	1.16
FT North Am	$1.677	$1.782	+0.01	0.87
FT Japan	Y1190.6	Y1201.8	-3.20	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	100.50	106.80	-0.20	1.45
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	331.20	351.70	+2.60	0.31
British	878.70	939.70	-15.30	4.84
European	328.40	349.70	-2.60	1.83
Japan	105.40	112.30	-2.30	...
New Pacific	254.07	270.50	-1.40	1.55
Mngd Cash	95.54	95.50	+0.08	6.48
Majority Stlg	99.69	100.69†	-0.09	6.25
Inv Tst	163.70	173.50	-0.40	2.23
Saints PPF	320.00	346.40	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	679.50	726.30†	-4.70	2.73
N America Acc	106.10	113.50†	+1.70	0.46
Far East Acc	98.28	105.10†	-2.20	0.41
W'wide Bond	56.89	60.39	-0.28	5.54
European	73.24	78.25	+1.30	0.64
Equity Income	74.28	79.44†	-1.78	4.48
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.36	34.61	-0.08	0.74
Managed Assets	109.78	117.42†	-1.16	3.83
UK Income	33.79	36.14†	-0.55	4.27
UK Growth	33.97	36.34	-0.51	2.90
Worldwide Gth	26.98	28.86	-0.13	0.66
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	188.05	200.09	+0.91	0.25
-do- Acc	206.57	219.76	+1.00	0.25
British Gth	79.26	84.32	-2.97	2.29
-do- Acc	92.49	98.39	-3.47	2.29
European	82.32	87.47	+1.28	0.76
-do- Acc	86.72	92.26	+1.34	0.76
Extra Inc	170.46	181.34	+0.74	4.86
-do- Acc	267.60	284.68	+1.15	4.86
General Unit	267.50	284.61†	-6.59	2.75
-do- Acc	489.30	520.43	-6.91	2.75
Income	299.48	318.60	-0.23	3.88
-do- Acc	610.01	648.95	-0.47	3.88
International	445.05	474.42	+5.24	0.68
-do- Acc	582.93	620.14	+6.85	0.68
Pacific	278.82	296.62	+1.49	0.06
-do- Acc	292.01	310.65	+1.56	0.06
Premier Income	48.34	51.40	-0.23	7.50
-do- Acc	99.78	103.94	-0.48	7.50
Nat Resources	78.34	83.34	-2.60	...
-do- Acc	85.90	91.38	-2.86	...
Selected Opps	87.98	93.49	-1.59	1.25
-do- Acc	109.75	116.75	-1.86	1.25
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Chartbear Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	113.50	121.50†	+0.30	0.43
Australia	6.124	6.580	+0.06	1.22
Equity	167.70	179.40†	-3.20	3.71
Euro Spec Sits	128.90	136.90	+1.80	0.63
Financial	34.57	37.00	+0.03	3.28
Global Opps Inc	78.92	84.50	-0.27	2.38
-do- Acc	81.80	87.58	-0.29	2.38
Gold Gen Inc	34.35	36.80	-0.90	1.20
-do- Acc	65.53	70.30	-1.20	1.20
Income	108.60	116.30†	-1.80	5.32
Japan General	108.20	115.20	-2.70	...
Preference	20.59	22.15†	-0.09	8.19
UK Capital	96.00	102.70	-1.80	3.28
Worldwide Cap	180.80	193.00†	-1.70	3.33
World Income	74.57	79.45†	-0.51	3.83
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 0HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smll Cos	71.07	75.80	-3.19	...
-do- Acc	73.31	78.19	-3.39	...
Cash	50.62	50.82	+0.05	6.99
-do- Acc	60.49	60.49	+0.06	6.99
European Opps	55.20	58.82	+0.72	0.50
-do- Acc	55.77	59.43	+0.72	0.50
Far East Opps	122.13	130.27	+0.06	0.74
-do- Acc	124.98	133.31	+0.06	0.74
Gold/Nat. Res	30.67	32.71	-0.82	...
-do- Acc	31.55	33.65	-0.84	...
Japan	56.34	60.00	-1.81	...
-do- Acc	56.34	60.00	-1.81	...
Little Dragons	57.15	60.96	+0.67	0.82
-do- Acc	58.63	62.53	+0.69	0.82
Oriental Income	36.00	38.39	+0.24	4.14
-do- Acc	45.44	48.46	+0.30	4.14
Tiger	183.61	195.85	+3.56	1.35
-do- Acc	192.06	204.86	+3.72	1.35
UK Small Cos	61.00	65.24	+0.84	2.50
-do- Acc	69.95	74.81	+0.97	2.50
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unisons Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	207.80	221.60	-1.80	4.78
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	9.42	10.02	+0.26	0.50
Pacific Basin	27.03	28.75	+0.14	0.60
Canadian Gth	31.69	33.71	-0.32	0.10
Global Bond	$0.967	$0.986	+0.00	7.41
Penny Share	18.44	19.61	-0.46	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	51.95	51.96†	+0.05	6.92
Gilt Growth	63.17	65.24†	-0.03	...
Gilt Income	50.81	52.87†	+0.04	8.69
Short Dtd Gilt	107.50	108.90	+0.30	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.706	$0.715	+0.00	...
Challenger	87.90	89.94	-0.10	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	63.46	67.51	-1.33	2.36

Source: Finstat.
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	1,900	Carlton Cms	786	Land Secs	671	Scot Hydro	747
Alld-Lyons	2,200	Coats Vly	1,200	Legal & Gn	1,700	Scot & New	908
Anglian W	992	Cm Union	399	Lloyds Bk	557	Scot Power	3,300
Argyll Gp	921	Courtaulds	1,000	MB Cardn	1,100	Sears	1,100
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	De La Rue	454	Marks Spr	6,800	Svrn Trent	1,000
AB Foods	288	Eng China C	470	NFC	639	Shell Trans	2,400
BAA	996	Enterpr Oil	272	NatWst Bk	8,000	Siebe	697
BAT Inds	929	Fisons	4,400	Nat Power	3,100	SmKl Bch	3,000
BET	1,100	Forte	2,300	Nth Wst W	925	Smith Nph	1,200
BOC	554	GRE	1,000	Nthrn Fds	1,400	Smith (WH)	663
BP	23,000	GUS A	114	P & O	1,000	Sthn Elec	906
BT	4,200	Gen Acc	310	Pearson	609	Sun Allnce	1,500
BTR	3,000	Gen Elec	3,300	PowerGen	3,300	TI Gp	990
Bk of Scot	2,000	Glaxo	610	Prudential	6,000	TSB	10,000
Barclays	2,300	Granada	647	RTZ	1,300	Tate & Lyle	1,500
Bass	1,100	Grand Met	2,900	Rank Org	2,000	Tesco	3,900
Blue Circle	1,900	Guinness	2,700	Reckitt Col	534	Thames W	1,000
Boots	1,500	HSBC	2,100	Redland	2,700	Thrn EMI	720
Bowater	964	Hanson	6,100	Reed Intl	1,000	Tomkins	2,100
Brit Airwys	4,600	ICI	1,300	Rentokil	518	Unilever	1,100
Brit Gas	3,800	Inchcape	757	Reuters	468	Utd Bisc	2,400
Brit Steel	4,100	Kingfisher	1,100	Rolls Royce	3,200	Vodafone	1,500
Burmah Cst	1,300	Kwik Save	403	Rothmans	310	Wellcome	940
Cable Wire	1,300	LASMO	1,900	Ryl Bk Scot	2,000	Whitbd 'A'	939
Cadbury	1,300	Ladbroke	7,000	Sainsbury	2,200	Wlms Hld	857

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3271.39 (+3.51)
S&P Composite 438.19 (+2.25)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 5871.80 (-18.36)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 97.7 (+0.3)

Sydney: AO 1524.5 (+17.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1544.55 (+20.81)

FT 30 share: 2138.6 (-2.0)

Brussels:
General 5637.14 (-15.90)

Paris: CAC 477.97 (+4.41)

Zurich: SKA Gen 452.2 (+6.9)

London:
FT A All-Share 1340.16 (+2.58)
FT 500 1485.09 (+1.79)
FT Gold Mines 62.2 (+0.3)
FT Fixed Interest 108.87 (+0.07)
FT Govt Secs 93.60 (+0.11)
Bargains 31846
SEAQ Volume 616.1m
USM (Datastrm) 124.69 (+0.65)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 11	January 29	April 15	April 26

Call options were taken out on 15/1/93: Amber Day, ASDA, Bodyshop, Bernard Matthews, Brent Walker Prf, Caird, Hadleigh Ind, Hartstone, Hillsdown Hldgs, Kwik-Fit Hldgs, Porter Chadburn, Shandwick, Telemetrix, WPP.
Puts: Hadleigh Ind, Shandwick. Put & Call: ASDA.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2792.0	2797.0	2767.0	2785.0	9624
Previous open interest: 45398	Jun 93	2814.0	2814.0	2813.0	2805.0	503
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	93.46	93.52	93.40	93.49	28341
Previous open interest: 229660	Jun 93	93.76	93.82	93.71	93.80	10832
	Sep 93	93.81	93.88	93.76	93.86	4503
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.55	96.60	96.54	96.59	1200
Previous open interest: 20250	Jun 93	96.24	96.32	96.24	96.32	203
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	92.20	92.24	92.16	92.23	64824
Previous open interest: 409277	Jun 93	93.00	93.03	92.95	93.03	22317
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	105-02	105-08	105-02	105-08	25
Previous open interest: 711	Jun 93				104-01	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	99-31	100-06	99-17	100-04	27152
Previous open interest: 53524	Jun 93	100-18	100-24	100-18	100-28	236
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	109.17	109.20	109.15	109.20	482
	Jun 93				108.61	0
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	93.05	93.29	93.04	93.22	52459
Previous open interest: 157976	Jun 93	93.12	93.24	93.07	93.24	813
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.40	90.50	90.38	90.50	693
Previous open interest: 11911	Jun 93	91.59	91.68	91.57	91.66	341
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.49	94.51	94.43	94.48	3705
Previous open interest: 37312	Jun 93	94.89	94.89	94.85	94.88	674
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	93.95	94.32	93.95	94.30	8388
Previous open interest: 24850	Jun 93	94.29	94.29	94.29	94.42	2

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.2 (day's range 81.1-81.3).

Mkt Rates for Jan 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8004-2.8128	2.8020-2.8116	¼-⅛ds	⅝-⅞ds
Brussels	51.28-51.52	51.42-51.52	4-8ds	13-19ds
Copenhagen	9.6200-9.6730	9.6200-9.6430	5½-9⅞ds	16½-21½ds
Dublin	0.9415-0.9450	0.9418-0.9442	156-459ds	272-966ds
Frankfurt	2.4897-2.5038	2.4999-2.5032	¼-⅜ds	⅞-1ds
Lisbon	224.19-225.29	224.83-225.29	139-149ds	393-420ds
Madrid	176.46-177.76	176.81-177.70	114-124ds	328-342ds
Milan	2288.00-2312.00	2294.00-2312.00	10-12ds	31-34ds
Montreal	1.9609-1.9743	1.9609-1.9631	0.08-0.03pr	0.11-0.04pr
New York	1.5295-1.5390	1.5295-1.5305	0.52-0.50pr	1.37-1.35pr
Oslo	10.5000-10.6040	10.5000-10.5230	2¼-3⅜ds	7¼-9⅞ds
Paris	8.4320-8.4650	8.4350-8.4570	3¼-3⅞ds	9½-10½ds
Stockholm	11.0740-11.1530	11.1150-11.1390	2⅞-3⅞ds	6⅞-8⅞ds
Tokyo	192.64-193.70	192.64-192.85	⅝-½pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	17.52-17.65	17.60-17.65	1½-2½ds	5-6⅞ds
Zurich	2.2776-2.2889	2.2858-2.2889	⅜-¼pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

Argentina peso*	1.5337-1.5363
Australia dollar	2.2804-2.2836
Bahrain dinar	0.574-0.586
Brazil cruzeiro*	21628.4-21665.3
Cyprus pound	0.733-0.743
Finland markka	8.2845-8.4005
Greece drachma	330.5-337.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.8933-11.9026
India rupee	43.97-44.93
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4635-0.4735
Malaysia ringgit	3.9777-3.9835
Mexico peso	4.73-4.83
New Zealand dollar	2.9862-2.9940
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7145-5.8405
Singapore dollar	2.5475-2.5508
S Africa rand (fin)	7.2772-7.4588
S Africa rand (com)	4.7239-4.7294
U A E dirham	5.5855-5.7095

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

Australia	1.4836-1.4847
Austria	11.42-11.44
Belgium (Com)	33.42-33.46
Canada	1.2825-1.2830
Denmark	6.255-6.265
France	5.495-5.500
Germany	1.6235-1.6245
Hong Kong	7.738-7.739
Ireland	1.621-1.624
Italy	1485.0-1495.0
Japan	125.81-125.86
Malaysia	2.588-2.590
Netherlands	1.822-1.827
Norway	6.8405-6.8505
Portugal	146.15-146.35
Singapore	1.6575-1.6585
Spain	114.75-115.25
Sweden	7.227-7.237
Switzerland	1.4825-1.4835

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7½ Low 6½ Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 7, close [illegible].

Local Authority Deps:	7	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.08 BID	n/a	3.13 BID	3.25 BID	3.65 BID
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £440m allotted: £100m; Bids: £98.43% received: 100%; Last week: £n/a% received: n/a%; Avge rate: £6.2972% last wk £6.3574%; Next week: £100m.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	16-11
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Bullion: Open $327.20-327.70 Close: $327.50-328.00 High: $328.10-328.60 Low: $326.70-327.20 Krugerrand: $326.50-328.50 (£212.50-214.50)
Sovereigns: Old $78.00-80.00 (£49.50-51.50) New $78.00-80.00 (£49.50-51.50)
Platinum: $356.40 (£231.75) Silver: $3.68 (£2.405) Palladium: $105.85 (£68.80)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	600	16	35	52	10	21	36
(*605½)	650	2½	17	27	45	52	66
ASDA	60	5	10½	14	2	5½	7
(*64½)	70	2	5	10	7	10	13
Bass	550	53	67	80	2	10	18
(*598½)	600	11	36	48	14	27	39
Boots	500	12	30	38	9	18	32
(*503)	550	2	10	19	50	52	62
Br Airways	260	16	28	32	3½	11	20
(*269½)	280	4	17	22	13	21	32
BP	220	9½	16	21	4	10½	16
(*228)	240	2	7	13	17	23	27
	260	1	3	7	36	39	41
Br Steel	60	5	9½	12½	2½	5½	8½
(*62)	70	1½	5	8½	7½	11	14
C & W	650	60	79	93	1½	11	22
(*711½)	700	18	43	62	11	27	43
CU	600	22	35	47	6½	25	36
(*612½)	650	3	13	26	42	59	66
Courtauld	550	28	46	60	5	16	29
(*568½)	600	3	20	34	30	42	58
GKN	420	37	45	52	2	14	22
(*455)	460	8	20	30	13	36	42
Grnd Met	420	8½	27	38	10½	23	32
(*419½)	460	1½	13	22	45	50	56
ICI	1050	52	74	92	4½	45	59
(*1102½)	1100	16	44	68	21	72	88
	1150	4	23	49	60	110	120
Kingfshr	550	15	35	47	9	22	38
(*554½)	600	2	14	27	50	55	68
Ladbroke	180	12	23	28	4½	15	22
(*187½)	200	3	13	19	16	26	34
Land Sec	420	24	34	41	2	7	19
(*436½)	460	3	13	17	23	28	43
M & S	300	20	30	35	2	7	14
(*316)	330	3	12	19	15	21	28
Sainsbury	550	19	37	49	7	20	30
(*563½)	600	2	14	26	40	48	58
Shell	500	33	37	48	2	12	17
(*531)	550	3	10	23	24	39	34
Smkl Bch	475	14	-	-	7½	-	-
(*476½)	500	4	20	35	26	35	44
Storehse	200	10	20	27	3	10	16
(*207½)	220	3	10	18	15	22	27
Trafalgar	80	10½	15	18	1½	4	7½
(*88)	90	3	9½	13½	4½	8½	11
Unilever	1050	25	49	68	11	35	45
(*1067)	1100	4½	25	45	40	66	74
Utd Bisc	360	5	14	21	12	28	33
(*355½)	390	1½	5½	11	39	51	54

January 15, 1993 Tot: 47202 Call: 22337 Put: 24865 FT-SE Call: 4691 Put: 2798
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAA	750	37	57	67	14	26	38
(*772½)	800	12	32	42	42	52	65
BAT Ind	950	54	68	84	15	41	50
(*977)	1000	26	43	58	39	69	78
BTR	500	52	56	63	3	10	15
(*546)	550	15	23	35	15	32	36
Br Aero	160	31	35	42	10	20	26
(*182½)	180	18	28	33	22	35	38
Br Telcm	360	33	42	46	3½	7	13
(*386)	390	11½	23	28	11	17	26
Cadbury	420	42	47	54	3½	12	17
(*457½)	460	15	24	33	17	31	36
Guinness	460	25	37	49	11	24	32
(*469)	500	9	19	29	37	48	54
GEC	260	15	22½	37	5	9	14
(*268)	280	5½	12½	16½	15	18½	25
Hanson	220	22	25½	28½	2½	5	8
(*240)	240	8	13½	17	8	13½	17
LASMO	140	12	17	22	9	17	22
(*141½)	160	5	9½	15	22	31	34
Lucas	140	15	22	26	9½	16	21
(*145)	160	7	12	18	23	29	33
P & O	500	33	48	57	17	37	45
(*519)	550	11	26	35	47	69	77
Pilkingtn	100	12	19	21	5½	9½	14
(*106½)	110	7½	14	17	10	15	20
Prudential	280	21	27	30	5	12	16
(*295)	300	8½	15	20	14	24	27
RTZ	600	72	70	80	5½	20	27
(*656½)	650	27	40	52	22	43	51
Scot New	420	28	42	48	7	13	25
(*437½)	460	8½	22	27	28	35	45
Tesco	260	15	21	29	7	14	18
(*266)	280	6	12	18	19	26	29
Thames W	460	40	52	58	4	9	17
(*493)	500	14	27	32	18	24	36
Vodafone	390	33	47	55	7½	15	23
(*413)	420	15	29	40	21	30	36

FT-SE INDEX (*2761)

	2650	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900
Calls						
Jan	114	64	14	½	½	½
Feb	134	97	68	41	23	13
Mar	172	120	94	66	46	31
Apr	193	157	127	86	70	52
Jun	-	182	-	121	-	80
Puts						
Jan	½	½	½	38	88	138
Feb	20	33	50	80	115	149
Mar	35	53	72	99	122	155
Apr	51	67	83	104	140	174
Jun	-	83	-	127	-	195

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	360	17	25	37	19	26	31
(*364)	390	7	14	23	41	44	49
Amstrad	20	5	6	7	1½	2½	3
(*23½)	25	2	3½	4	3½	5	5½
Barclays	360	32	40	45	25	30	37
(*373½)	390	16	25	32	42	48	55
Blue Circ	180	28	33	42	9½	18	23
(*196)	200	17	23	31	18	30	34
Br Gas	260	25	27	31	5	10	12
(*277)	280	12	15	20	11	19½	23
	300	5	8	13	26	35	36
Dixons	220	18	28	31	14	20	26
(*225½)	240	11	18	22	26	32	37
Eurotnnl	330	72	85	100	5	21	27
(*389)	360	50	67	80	14	34	42
Forte	180	15	18	23	13	22	25
(*181)	200	7½	11	15	26	35	38
Glaxo	700	42	60	82	37	49	57
(*710½)	750	22	41	58	68	78	85
	800	10	25	40	110	117	122
HSBC	500	47	58	70	22	35	45
(*528½)	550	21	35	50	51	63	74
Hillsdwn	140	16	22	25	10½	20	23
(*145½)	160	7½	14	18	23	33	36
Lonrho	70	8	11½	14	9	10½	13
(*72)	80	4	7½	10	13½	17	19
Reuter	1350	87	117	145	57	82	104
(*1376½)	1400	60	90	122	90	112	130
R-Royce	100	13	16	19½	7½	9	12½
(*107)	110	8	11½	15½	12½	15½	18
Sears	90	13	16	18	3	6½	7
(*97)	100	8	10	13	6	12	14
Thrn Emi	850	46	66	79	24	34	52
(*863½)	900	24	43	53	50	62	80
TSB	140	20	23	27	3½	6½	10
(*160)	160	8½	12	17	12	16	19
Vaal Reefs	25	5½	6	5½	2½	3	3½
(*$29)	30	2½	4	4	5½	6	7½
Wellcome	900	56	80	105	39	57	68
(*912½)	950	35	56	83	67	88	93
Series		**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Fisons	220	15	30	37	5½	18	29
(*230½)	240	5½	20	29	15	28	38
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Eastrn Ele	430	18	-	-	15	-	-
(*435)	460	7	18	24	35	40	52
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Natl Pwr	280	19	30	33	8½	14	19
(*292)	300	9½	19	24	19	24	31
Scot Pwr	220	12½	20	24	6	9	14
(*229)	240	4	10	14	19	21	25

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Robusta coffee futures finished with losses depressed by a downside retracement in New York and signs of origin sales in a fairly thin market. Cocoa futures ended the day narrowly mixed with the market in a consolidation phase after gains earlier in the week. During late trade the wheat and barley markets saw prices ease off their highs as traders still seek fresh fundamental information.

LONDON FOX COCOA
Mar 714-713 May 809-808
May 727-726 Jul 824-819
Jul 741-740 Sep 856-834
Sep 755-753 Dec 860-848
Dec 774-772
Mar 797-794 Volume: 4937

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Jan 987-980 Sep 945-941
Mar 975-974 Nov 952-948
May 951-948 Jan 968-956
Jul 936-935 Volume: 2981

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow Oct 194.0-92.0
Spot: 184.6 Dec 191.0-87.0
Mar 190.0-89.0 Mar 196.0-92.0
May 192.6-92.0 May 198.0-94.0
Aug 195.0-92.6 Volume: 2

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Oct 245.0-44.0
Spot: 256.5 Dec 248.5-46.1
Mar 252.0-51.5 Mar 250.0-46.1
May 252.5-51.7 May 253.0-48.5
Aug 257.0-56.5 Volume: 689

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	75.98	89.38	116.73
(+/-)	-0.91	-1.48	-0.12
Eng/Wales	75.99	88.86	116.73
(+/-)	-0.91	+0.81	-0.08
(%)	-18.6	-45.3	-39.3
Scotland	n/a	92.20	116.71
(+/-)	n/a	+4.77	-0.36
(%)	n/a	n/a	-42.9

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)
Open Close / Open Close
Jan 103.5 103.5 Jun 103.5 103.5
Apr 103.0 103.0 Volume: 11

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)
Jan 135.75
Mar 137.40
May 139.30
Jun 140.35
Sep 108.40
Volume: 314

BARLEY (close £/t)
Jan 131.25
Mar 132.90
May 134.45
Sep 107.00
Nov 109.80
Volume: 83

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Feb 154.30
Apr 152.00
Jun 141.80
Aug 142.30
Oct 147.00
Volume: 35

POTATO (£/t) Open Close
Apr 62.0 62.3
May unq 71.5
Apr 92.5 93.5
Volume: 25

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Feb 65.25-64.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With renewed hostilities flaring up in Iraq coupled with pre-weekend short covering, levels leapt higher.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)
Brent Physical 17.30 +0.35
Brent 15 day (Feb) 17.45 +0.30
Brent 15 day (Mar) 17.60 +0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Feb) 19.00 +0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Mar) 19.10 +0.60

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)
Premium Gas .15 Bid: 183 (n/c) Offer: 185 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC 167 (+3) 168 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Feb 172 (+3) 173 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Mar 170 (+2) 171 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil 70 (n/c) 72 (n/c)
Naphtha 177 (+1) 180 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL
Feb 166.00-66.25 May 165.25-65.50
Mar 166.00-66.25 Jun 165.50-65.75
Apr 165.25-65.50 Jul 167.75-68.50
Vol: 6278

BRENT (6.00pm)
Mar 17.61-17.63 Jun 17.91-17.95
Apr 17.72-17.74 Jul 17.98-18.05
May 17.81-17.85 Vol: 14614

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Feb 186.00-87.00 May 201.00 SLR
Mar 185.75-90.50 Jun unq
Apr 197.00-98.00 Vol: 160

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 93	1285	1279	1284
Feb 93	1274	1268	1270
Mar 93	1275	1265	1267
Apr 93	1275	1268	1267

Vol: 118 lots. Open int'st: 3137 Index 1294 -6

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1433.5-1434.0	1450.0-1451.0	1057250
Lead (£/tonne)	282.00-282.25	292.50-293.00	77025
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1068.0-1068.5	1087.0-1087.5	308250
Tin ($/tonne)	5842.0-5845.0	5900.0-5910.0	6365
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1212.0-1212.5	1234.0-1235.0	806100
Nickel ($/tonne)	5820.0-5825.0	5890.0-5895.0	72492

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Atkinson's all-sorts tearing down barriers in title race

With seven nations already represented in Ron Atkinson's championship-chasing football squad and yet another import imminent, Aston Villa are leading the field in bringing an international flavour to the Premier League

By Dennis Shaw

THE German dribbled round the Pole and passed to the Irishman, who sent the West Indian away to exchange passes with the Welshman before firing past the Australian. Cosmopolitan United, otherwise known as Aston Villa, were training.

This is the multi-racial squad awaiting the Dane, Henrik Larsen, who will be increasing Villa's League of Nations contingent to eight countries — England included — if a deal with Pisa is agreed next week.

The Italian club is seeking in the region of £100,000 from Villa to loan the goalscoring midfield member of the European championship winners until the end of the season. Villa are still negotiating on the basis of a permanent transfer if the move works out.

Ron Atkinson, whose transfer turnover at Villa Park is about £20 million, is a manager who recognises no international boundaries in his long-term plan to place his club among the foremost in Europe. His squad probably already contains a wider mix of nationalities than any squad previously put together in this country, and they have all figured in the team challenging for the Premier League title at some stage this season.

With the freer passage of players now allowed in the European Community, such mixed-nationality squads will become increasingly commonplace, with one important proviso: the man at the helm must have a fluent grasp of the international language.

The language in question is not so much English but the universal parlance of football, a tongue at which Atkinson is an expert. He sees no difficulty in communicating with any of his individuals, since he regards them only as footballers with a common tongue.

"This morning our eight-a-side practice was England versus the All-Sorts, and the All-Sorts won 4-1," he said with relish. "Sometimes it's the Black Kids versus the White Kids. I have no problem with race or colour."

This was a team in training which will go top of the Premier League if it beats Middlesbrough at Villa Park tomorrow, although Manchester United could replace them 24 hours later. "Four of our non-British players — that is the Germans, Dwight Yorke and Mark Bosnich — are 21 or under and they have real ability," Atkinson said. "I don't care who they are, where they're from, what shape they are or what language they speak, as long as they can play."

Atkinson, who once wrestled with Latin temperaments at Atlético Madrid, is especially excited at the progress of his two German players. Stefan Beinlich, who could replace the injured Dalian Atkinson alongside Dean Saunders against Middlesbrough, and Matthias Breitkreutz, were signed from Borussia Borsig in the former East Germany just over a year ago. "When they came they spoke no English and had lived in poorish one-room flats without much of a lifestyle," Atkinson said. "Now they have detached homes and motor cars and they fully appreciate what is happening to them.

"Beinlich, a front man, has simply come on in leaps and bounds while Breitkreutz has as much natural ability as anyone in the club. The Germans, like the Scandinavians, have a great attitude. They're very dedicated and professional. I prefer them, as match-in-match-out players, to the Latins, whose temperament you can never be sure of."

Atkinson is aware that a problem could arise should Villa win a place in European competition, when clubs are limited to fielding three non-nationals. "We'll cross that bridge if and when we come to it," he said. One feature of the international flavour of his squad which amuses him greatly is that the English faction includes Ugochuku Ehiogu. "They found him on Hackney Marshes," he points out. Where else?

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	23	11	8	4	34	18	41
Aston Villa	23	11	8	4	34	25	41
Norwich	23	12	5	6	34	35	41
Blackburn	23	10	8	5	34	27	38
Ipswich	23	8	12	3	32	25	36
QPR	22	10	5	7	31	25	35
Chelsea	23	9	8	6	30	28	35
Man City	23	9	6	8	34	28	33
Arsenal	23	9	5	9	24	22	32
Coventry	23	8	8	7	33	33	32
Sheff Wed	23	7	9	7	28	29	30
Liverpool	22	8	5	9	36	35	29
Tottenham	23	7	8	8	23	31	29
Leeds	23	7	7	9	35	38	28
Middlesbro	23	6	9	8	33	34	27
C Palace	23	6	9	8	29	35	27
Everton	23	7	5	11	23	30	26
Oldham	21	8	6	9	35	40	24
Sotton	23	6	6	9	23	28	24
Sheff Utd	22	5	7	10	19	29	22
Wimbledon	23	4	9	10	26	33	21
Nottm F	22	4	6	12	21	33	18

Yorke: one of Villa's younger players, he has "real ability" according to Atkinson

Saunders: Welsh

Outside helpers at Villa Park

ASTON VILLA'S cosmopolitan collection comprises Paul McGrath, Steve Staunton and Ray Houghton (all Republic of Ireland), Dean Saunders (Wales), Mark Bosnich (Australia), Dwight Yorke (Trinidad and Tobago), Dariusz Kubicki (Poland), Matthias Breitkreutz and Stefan Beinlich (both Germany).

Yorke and McGrath were signed by Graham Taylor when he was manager at Villa Park. Ron Atkinson has since signed the others.

Staunton: Irish

IN BRIEF

Seizinger earns downhill victory

Katja Seizinger, of Germany, the World Cup downhill skiing champion, gained her first downhill win of the season yesterday at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

The 20-year-old clocked 1min 27.35sec to bear Carole Merle, of France. The Austrian, Barbara Sadleder, produced her best performance of the season to finish third.

Katharina Gutensohn-Knopf, of Germany, the 1990 downhill champion, tore knee ligaments after falling in the race and will miss the world championship in Morioka, Japan, next month.

Brabham signs

Motor sport: Gary Brabham, of Australia, has signed to drive in the 1993 Indy Car world series and will make his debut for Dick Simon Racing in the Australian grand prix on March 21.

☐ Jordan, the Formula One team, unveiled their new car, powered by a Hart V10 engine, at Silverstone yesterday.

Horner advances

Squash: Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire, the runner-up in the last three national finals, yesterday took a step towards her best chance of clinching the title in the English national championships at Cheadle with a 9-2, 9-1, 9-0 second-round win over Senga Macfie, of Surrey.

Hammond doubt

Cycling: Roger Hammond, the British junior world cyclo-cross champion, was last night contemplating withdrawing from tomorrow's inter-area team championship at Huddersfield. Hammond is reluctant to risk further damage to a fracture of his right wrist with the world championship two weeks away.

Gandhi date

Hockey: England have accepted new dates, March 15 to 22, for the Indira Gandhi tournament in Bombay provided they are ratified by the International Hockey Federation and the trip has the endorsement of the Foreign Office.

Auriol upstaged

Motor rallying: Hubert Auriol, of France, yesterday won the penultimate stage from Atar to the Mauritanian capital, Nouakchott, of the Paris-Dakar rally, but can do little to stop Bruno Saby claiming overall victory this weekend.

Devine survives

Real tennis: The Leamington professional, Mark Devine, survived two set points in the second set before defeating the American No. 1, Morris Clothier, to reach the quarter-finals of the US Open championship at Philadelphia.

Bailey on song

Tennis: Chris Bailey, from Norwich, the British No. 3, beat Ben Ellwood, of Australia, 6-1, 6-0 to reach the final qualifying round of the Australian Open championships in Melbourne yesterday.

Barnard low

Golf: Diane Barnard, of Britain, yesterday hit a second-round 69, the equal lowest of the day, in the KRP World Classic in Kuala Lumpur.

FROM THE PREMIER LEAGUE

Everton v Leeds
After their home FA Cup replay defeat by Wimbledon, the pressure on Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, is high. He hopes Southall, his goalkeeper, passes a late fitness test; Kearton stands by for his league debut. Snodin, once of Leeds, is injured, Rideout suspended and Kenny doubtful, so there is space for Cottee in the squad. Having won away for the first time this season, against Charlton in the FA Cup, can Leeds repeat the feat in the league? Batty returns after suspension at Shutt's expense. Day, 37, waits to hear if he has again kept Lukic out of the Leeds goal, and Whyte makes his 100th league appearance for them.

Man City v Arsenal
City, buoyed by eight goals in their last two games, restore Ransom, on loan from Newcastle, at full back. Arsenal are without the suspended Wright, who has scored 17 times this season — more than half of all their goals — giving Campbell the chance to impress. George Graham, the Arsenal manager, whose side last won a league match on November 7, said: "It is time for the real Kevin Campbell to stand up." Limpar is injured but Bould returns to central defence after suspension.

Norwich v Coventry
This is a rerun of Wednesday's FA Cup tie at Carrow Road, won 1-0 by Norwich and in which Bobby Gould, the Coventry manager, was ordered from the dug-out. Emotions have hardly had time to subside but Beckford, scorer of Wednesday's winner, will hope to resume where he left off. In the team because Robins is injured, Beckford has a chance to prove that his £925,000 move from Port Vale 18 months ago was not a mistake after all. With Megson injured, Goss starts for Norwich, who give Culverhouse a fitness test. Rowland, a left back on loan at Coventry from Bournemouth, is expected to make his debut.

Nottm Forest v Chelsea
Out of both cups, the Premier League is all Chelsea have left. Forest are hoping they will be left in it come May. Johnsen replaces the injured Lee in central defence for Chelsea, who could give Kharlin, their new Russian goalkeeper, his debut. Fleck, who has scored only three goals since a £2.2 million transfer from Norwich, could be dropped. Hall is likely to replace Clarke at full back, but Wise is still injured. Webb and Bannister return for Forest, for whom Wilson is injured and Black omitted.

Oldham v Blackburn
Oldham's defence will be relieved that Shearer, the injured Rovers and England striker, is absent, but Wegerle, his deputy, is more than capable of wreaking havoc with the Premier League's leakiest back line. Blackburn are still on for a domestic treble, Oldham will settle for staying up.

Sheff Utd v Ipswich
Carr, on loan from Newcastle United, makes his debut for United in place of the suspended Littlejohn. In defence, Pemberton requires a late fitness test. Linighan returns to the heart of the Ipswich defence after recovering from flu.

Southampton v C Palace
Ian Branfoot, the Southampton manager, plays host to the club where he was formerly coach and Kerry Dixon retains his place in an unchanged home side. Dowie, Groves and Banger compete for the substitutes' bench. Palace are without the suspended Young and injured Shaw. They also wait on late fitness tests for Armstrong and Thom.

Tottenham v Sheff Wed
Chris Waddle returns to White Hart Lane wearing a Wednesday shirt. Tottenham field the side that lost 4-1 at Manchester United last week, but their supporters' fantasies must surely revolve around a side containing three old boys — Waddle, Gascoigne and Lineker. The problems of today's Tottenham are highlighted by the fact that their leading scorer, Sheringham, has only five league goals to his name. Anderton, supposedly the £2 million replacement for Waddle, is on the bench. Wilson is doubtful for Wednesday so Bart-Williams could to deputise. Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, says that Bright, with 12 goals since September, should partner Ian Wright for England.

Wimbledon v Liverpool
A re-enactment of the 1988 FA Cup final, won by Wimbledon. Just what Liverpool could do without in the aftermath of Wednesday's FA Cup exit at home to Bolton. Scales, the Wimbledon central defender, is rumoured to be a Liverpool transfer target but they will hope he has an off day today. Graeme Souness, the visiting manager, needs a win — even though Kevin Keegan yesterday insisted he is staying put at Newcastle. Wright and Rush return for Liverpool while Wimbledon hope to welcome Holdsworth and Barton back.

Tomorrow

A Villa v Middlesbrough
Dalian Atkinson could be fit to lead Villa's attack but time is likely to be against him, and Yorke is ready to understudy. Middlesbrough will certainly hope so. Lennie Lawrence, their manager, has said they are two defeats removed from a relegation fight and he is without the injured Fleming. Whyte is fit to return to central defence and Hignett should return to the midfield.

☐ Compiled by Louise Taylor

The season has finished for Wycombe's captain

GLYN Creaser, the Wycombe Wanderers captain, has been ruled out for the rest of the season with a broken heel, an injury sustained when he was flung six feet into the air after being hit by a forklift truck at his job at a warehouse in Milton Keynes (Walter Gammie writes).

"I have got to be realistic and get myself fit for next season. Obviously I am devastated," Creaser, 33, said.

Martin O'Neill, the Wycombe manager, said: "I feel desperately sorry for him. The last year or two he has had the time of his life: it's the best he's played and he's an inspiration to the club."

Wycombe continue their hunt for the GM Vauxhall Conference title today with a home match against Northwich Victoria, the form team of the competition.

Sittingbourne head the Beazer Homes League challenge in the fourth round of the FA Vase when they take their expensively assembled side to play at the cliff-top home of Peacehaven and Telscombe, of the Sussex County League.

Their Kent rivals, Gravesend and Northfleet, head the Beazer southern division mainly because of the scoring exploits of Steve Portway, who has 35 goals in 24 matches. Six of them came last Saturday at Bury Town, where, after he had levelled the scores at 2-2, he added another five in the last 12 minutes.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Premier League
Everton v Leeds
Manchester City v Arsenal
Norwich v Coventry
Nottm Forest v Chelsea
Oldham v Blackburn (all ticket)
Sheffield Utd v Ipswich
Southampton v Crystal Palace
Tottenham v Sheffield Wed
Wimbledon v Liverpool

Barclays League
First division
Barnsley v Bristol City
Bristol Rovers v Sunderland
Cambridge Utd v Grimsby
Leicester v Watford
Luton v Notts County
Newcastle v Peterborough
Southend v Derby
Swindon v Charlton
West Ham v Portsmouth

Second division
Blackpool v Rotherham
Bolton v Plymouth
Bradford v Swansea
Burnley v Wigan
Chester v Port Vale
Exeter v West Bromwich
Fulham v Stockport
Hartlepool v Preston
Huddersfield v Bournemouth
Hull v Leyton Orient
Reading v Brighton
Stoke v Mansfield

Third division
Barnet v Wrexham
Chesterfield v Colchester
Doncaster v Scarborough
Halifax v Northampton
Rochdale v Hereford
Scunthorpe v Carlisle
Shrewsbury v Lincoln
Torquay v Bury
Walsall v Gillingham
York v Darlington

GM Vauxhall Conference
Altrincham v Slough
Bromsgrove v Witton
Dagenham and Redbridge v Gateshead
Farnborough v Bath
Kidderminster v Boston
Macclesfield v Merthyr
Telford v Runcorn
Woking v Welling
Wycombe v Northwich
Yeovil v Stalybridge P

Scottish League
Premier division
Aberdeen v Airdrie
Celtic v St Johnstone
Dundee v Hearts P
Falkirk v Partick
Hibernian v Dundee Utd
Motherwell v Rangers

First division
Dumbarton v Raith
Dunfermline v Clydebank
Hamilton v Ayr
Kilmarnock v Meadowbank
Morton v Cowdenbeath
St Mirren v Stirling

Second division
Alloa v Montrose
Arbroath v Stranraer
Berwick v Clyde
Brechin v Forfar
East Fife v Albion
East Stirling v Queen's Park
Stenhousemuir v Queen of South

FA VASE: Fourth round: Bridlington Town v Curzon Ashton; Burscough v Cammell Laird; Crawley Rovers v Bridgnorth; Hinckley Athletic v Pelsall Villa; Dunston FB v Durham City; Blidson v Ashton United; Rothwell v Knowsley; Newport IOW v Lowestoft; Evesham v Clevedon; Harefield v Canvey Island; Peacehaven and Telscombe v Sittingbourne; Tring v Banstead Athletic; Buckingham v Paulton; Forest Green v Hallsham; Barton v Tiverton; Hoddesdon v Tunbridge Wells.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor v Dulwich; Chesham v Wivenhoe; Enfield v Basingstoke; Grays v Wokingham; Hayes v Windsor and Eton; Kingstonian v Bromley; Marlow v Aylesbury; St Albans v Hendon; Staines v Sutton United; Yeading v Stevenage Borough. First division: Abingdon v Lewes; Aveley v Wembley; Bishop's Stortford v Boreham Wood; Croydon v Barking; Dorking v Whyteleafe; Hitchin v Heybridge Swifts; Maidenhead v Purfleet; Molesey v Billericay; Tooting and Mitcham v Chalfont St Peter; Walton and Hersham v Leyton. Second division: Berkhamsted v Worthing; Chertsey v Leatherhead; Hampton v Tilbury; Maiden Vale v Ware; Newbury v Edgware; Rainham v Egham; Saffron Walden v Hungerford; Southall v Ruislip Manor; Witham v Metropolitan Police. Third division: Camberley v Epsom and Ewell; Clapton v Flackwell Heath; Collier Row v Horsham; Cove v Royston; Feltham and Hounslow v Hertford; Hornchurch v East Thurrock; Leighton v Bracknell; Northwood v Aldershot Town.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Gainsborough; Bishop Auckland v Fleetwood; Buxton v Emley; Chorley v Moseley; Frickley v Southport; Goole v Winsford; Hyde v Horwich; Marine v Leek; Matlock v Colwyn Bay; Morecambe v Accrington Stanley. First division: Caernarfon v Harrogate; Eastwood Town v Netherfield; Grams v Workson; Lancaster City v Shepshed Albion; Radcliffe Borough v Congleton; Rossendale v Guiseley; Warrington v Great Harwood; Workington v Alfreton.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Cambridge City; Burton v Hednesford; Crawley Town v Weymouth; Gloucester v Corby Town; Halesowen v Bashley; Hastings v Cheltenham; Moor Green v Dover; Waterlooville v VS Rugby; Worcester v Solihull. Midland division: Bedworth v Sutton Coldfield; Dudley v Newport AFC; Grantham v RC Warwick; Nuneaton Borough v Rushden and Diamonds; Stourbridge v Leicester United; Tamworth v Hinckley; Weston-super-Mare v Bank; Yate v King's Lynn. Southern division: Burnham v Margate; Canterbury City v Baldock; Erith and Belvedere v Andover; Fareham v Bury Town; Gravesend and Northfleet v Dunstable; Poole v Braintree; Salisbury v Wealdstone; Sudbury v Ashford Town; Witney v Fisher Athletic.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare v Omagh Town; Ballymena v Linfield; Bangor v Glenavon; Carrick v Distillery; Cliftonville v Newry; Coleraine v Crusaders; Glentoran v Ards; Portadown v Larne.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Abergavenny v Afan Lido; Aberystwyth v Llanelli; Caerawys v Bangor; Connah's Quay v Flint; Conwy v Porthmadog; Haverfordwest v Cwmbran (2.0); Inter Cardiff v Briton Ferry; Llandidloes v Newtown; Mold v Holywell.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fifth round: Cardiff v Maesteg Park.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge v Fulham; Charlton v Chelsea; Gillingham v Millwall; Portsmouth v Leyton Orient; QPR v Arsenal; Southend v Ipswich; Watford v Tottenham; West Ham v Norwich. Second division: Bournemouth v Luton; Brentford v Crystal Palace; Colchester v Bristol City; Oxford v Southampton; Reading v Brighton; Tottenham v Swindon. Wimbledon v Bristol Rovers.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett v Whitby (at Pyhope CA); Easington Colliery v Billingham Synthonia; Guisborough v Tow Law; Northallerton v Brandon; Stockton v Chester-le-Street; West Auckland v Seaham Red Star.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Stocksbridge PS; Brigg v Ashfield; Glasshoughton Wel v Ossett Albion; Liversedge v Denaby; Maltby MW v Harrogate Ra; Ossett Town v Eccleshill; Pickering v Winterton Rangers; Sheffield v Armthorpe Welfare; Spennymoor v Pontefract Col; Thackley v North Ferriby.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton v Chelmsford; Felixstowe v Brantham Athletic; Great Yarmouth v Wroxham; Halstead v Wisbech; Haverhill v Diss; Histon v Felixstowe; March Town v Gorleston; Norwich United v Newmarket; Stowmarket v Brightlingsea; Watton v Tiptree.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Minehead; Chard v Bideford; Elmore v Torrington; Exmouth v Westbury; Mangotsfield v Frome; Plymouth Argyle v Dawlish; Saltash v Chippenham; Taunton v Liskeard Athletic.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Lamot Pills Trophy: Ashton Town v Atherton Collieries; Burnley Bank Hall v North Trafford; Cheadle v Ellesmere Port; Formby v Maghull; Oldham Town v Castleton Gabriels; Stantondale v Irlam; Westhoughton v Bootle. First division: Bacup Borough v Newcastle Town; Bamber Bridge v Clitheroe; Blackpool Rovers v Glossop; Bradford Park Avenue v St Helens; Flixton v Blackpool Mechanics; Nantwich v Darwen; Penrith v Kidsgrove; Prescot v Maine Road; Salford v Chadderton; Skelmersdale v Eastwood Hanley.

ABACUS LEAGUE: First division: Aberaman v Bridgend; Caerleon v Ammanford; Pembroke v Caldicot; Pontypridd-Ynysybwl v Ferndale; Port Talbot v Morriston; Ton Pentre v Bracon.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Bradfieldians v Old Malvernians; Old Elizabethans v Old Reptonians; Lancing Old Boys v Old Carthusians; Old Wellingtonians v Old Chigwellians. First division: Old Aldenhamians v Old Wykehamists; Old Ardinians v Old Harrovians; Old Foresters v Old Wiltegns; Old Westminsters v Old Brentwoods.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning v Chertsey; Glyn v Danes; Ignatians v Tenisonians; Tiffinians v Enfield.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Old Actonians v Norsemen; Old Parkonians v Midland Bank; Old Esthamalens v Old Bromleians; Southgate Olympic v Barclays Bank; Ibis v Lloyds Bank; Old Stationers v Old Salesians; Alexandra Park v Broomfield; Bank of England v Brentham; East Barnet OG v Old Parmiterians; Royal Bank of Scotland v Old Latymerians; Old Westminster Citizens v Merton; Old Lyonians v Alleyn Old Boys.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Old Fairlopians v Parkfield, Old Finchleians v Nottsborough; Old Grammarians v Mill Hill Village.

RUGBY UNION

Five nations' championship
England v France (at Twickenham, 2.30)
Scotland v Ireland (at Murrayfield, 2.0)

Heineken Welsh League
All 2.30

First division
Aberavon v South Wales Police
Cardiff v Maesteg
Newbridge v Pontypridd
Newport v Neath

Second division
Abertillery v Tenby Utd
Ebbw Vale v Cross Keys
Llandovery v Dunvant
Llanharan v Tredegar
Narberth v Blaina
Penarth v Glamorgan Wanderers

THIRD DIVISION: Kenfig Hill v Bonymaen; Mountain Ash v Aberavon Quins; Pontypool United v St Peters; Rumney v Wrexham; Treorchy v Blackwood; Tumble v Abercynon.

FOURTH DIVISION: Builth Wells v Cardigan; Carmarthen v Ruthin; Colwyn Bay v Ystradgynlais; Cilfynydd v Tondu; Garndiffaith v Vardre; Kidwelly v Cardiff Quins.

Club matches
Aspatria v Middlesbrough (2.30)
Cambridge University v Durham University (12.0)
Coventry v Wakefield (12.0)
Dundee HSFP v Perthshire (10.15)
Durham v Northern (2.15)
Harlequins v Saracens (11.15)
Leeds v Rotherham (2.30)
London Welsh v Rosslyn Park (2.15)
Loughborough Students v Nuneaton (2.30)
Melrose v Langholm (11.0)
Met Police v Taunton (12.30)
Richmond v Askeans (11.0)
Rugby v Blackheath (12.0)
Sale v Orrell (2.30)
Sheffield v Morley (3.0)
Towcestrians v Sudbury (2.30)
Waterloo v Liverpool St Helens (2.15)

PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CUP: Fifth round: North: Seghill v Phoenix Park. Sixth round: South: Hitchin v Barnet.

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Askam v Leigh East; Dewsbury Celtic v Heworth; Leigh Miners v Woolston; Saddleworth v Millom; Wigan St Patricks v Egremont; West Hull v Dudley Hill. Second division: Greetland Ar v East Leeds; Lock Lane v Barrow Island; Mayfield v Milford; Oulton v Moldgreen; Shaw Cross v Redhill; Wainey Central v Beverley.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Old Kingstonians; Hounslow v Surbiton; Reading v Wimbledon; Richmond v Hampstead; St Albans v Old Loughtonians; Southgate v Teddington. First division: Blackheath v Purley; Cheam v Spencer; Dulwich v Slough; Maidenhead v Guildford; Tulse Hill v Oxford University.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Broxbourne v Redbridge and Ilford; Bury St Edmunds v Luton; Dereham v Crosby; Ford v Westcliff; Norwich City v Colchester; Pelicans v Peterborough Town; Stevenage v Ipswich; West Herts v Bishops Stortford; Wisbech v Cambridge University.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Chelmsford v Slough; Doncaster v Exmouth; FP Sutton Coldfield v Belsem Leicester; Hightown v Pickwick; Ipswich v Ealing; Wimbledon v Clifton. Second division: Bracknell v Blueharts; Bradford Swithenbank v Sunderland Bedens; Colwall v Cambridge City; Sherwood v Yate; Trojans v Harleston Magpies.

INDOOR LEAGUE (Crystal Palace, 11.0).

INTERNATIONAL INDOOR TOURNAMENT (Cocks Moors Woods LC, Birmingham, 9.30).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Derby Bucks v Cheshire Jets; Manchester Giants v Birmingham Bullets; Oldham Celtics v Hemel Hempstead Royals. Second division: Barnsley Generals v Crystal Palace; Bury Lobos v Coventry Flyers; Cardiff v Brixton Topcats; Lewisham Lightning v Middlesboro Mohawks; Plymouth Raiders v Solent Stars; Ware Rebels v Doncaster Panthers. Third division: Leicester Falcons v Sedgefield Racers; Mid Sussex Magic v Camberley Eagles; South London Elephants v Liverpool Atac, Stevenage Phoenix v Sheffield Forgers; Swindon Sonics v Guildford. Women: First division: Chesham v Leicester; London YMCA v Nottingham Wildcats. Second division: Camberley Golden Eagle v Sunderland Ladies.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: Inverclyde v Edinburgh Burgar Kings. Second division: Hamilton v Edzell Enforcers; Stirling v Bellshill

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Billingham Bombers v Murrayfield Racers; Bracknell Bees v Fife Flyers; Durham Wasps v Cardiff Devils; Nottingham Panthers v Whitley Warriors. First division: Basingstoke Beavers v Swindon Wildcats; Milton Keynes Kings v Romford Raiders; Sheffield Steelers v Slough Jets, Telford Tigers v Medway Bears.

BOWLS

HAVEN/COMMERCIAL UNION INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Sixth round: South Tynedale v Swinton; Cyphers v Folkestone; Herts v Torbay; Pendowall v Beccles; Cambridge Park v Preston; Stanley v Nottingham; City of Ely v North Walsham; Westlecot v Teignbridge.

OTHER SPORT

SQUASH: National championships (Cheadle).

SWIMMING: British grand prix meeting (Leicester).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Premier League
Aston Villa v Middlesbrough (4.0)

Barclays League
First division
Millwall v Brentford (3.0)
Wolverhampton v Birmingham (2.55)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians v Shamrock Rovers (3.30); Cork City v Limerick (2.30); Drogheda United v Derry City (2.30); St Patrick's Athletic v Shelbourne (2.30); Sligo Rovers v Dundalk (2.30); Waterford v Bray Wanderers (2.30).

WOMEN'S FA: Premier division: Arsenal v Bronte; Doncaster Belles v Millwall Lionesses; Maidstone Tigresses v Knowsley United; Stanton Rangers v Red Star Southampton; Wimbledon v Ipswich Town. First division north: Abbeydale Alvechurch v Sunderland; Cowgate Kestrels v Nottingham Argyle; Milton Keynes v Villa Aztecs; Sheffield Wednesday v St Helens; Wolverhampton v Leasowe Pacific. First division south: Brighton and Hove v District Line; Hemel Hempstead v Hassocks Beacon, Horsham v Epsom and Ewell, Oxford United v Saltdean United; Town and Country v Bristol Backwell.

RUGBY UNION

Representative match
Berry Hill v Gloucestershire

Tour match
Wasps v Racing Club (France) (2.0).

PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CUP: Sixth round: South: Dashwanth v Tring

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Preliminary round: Batley v Blackpool (2.30), Wigan v Hull (3.0).

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hull KR v St Helens (3.15); Leigh v Bradford, Salford v Leeds; Widnes v Sheffield. Second division: Carlisle v Oldham; Featherstone v Swinton (3.30); London Crusaders v Bramley. Third division: Barrow v Dewsbury (2.30); Chorley v Doncaster (3.15); Hunslet v Highfield (3.30); Ryedale York v Nottingham City (3.15).

HOCKEY

INDOOR LEAGUE (Crystal Palace, 12.0).

INTERNATIONAL INDOOR TOURNAMENT (Cocks Moors Woods LC, Birmingham, 9.30).

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Harleston Magpies v Guildford (Shotford Heath, 2.0).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL TROPHY: Men: Quarter-finals: Ware v Middlesbrough.

NATWEST TROPHY: Final: Guildford v Thames Valley.

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Birmingham Bullets v Leicester Riders. Women: First division: Ipswich v Cheshire, Northampton v Chesham, Rhondda v Sheffield Hatters; Thames Valley v London Jets. Second division: Stonebridge Amazons v Sunderland Ladies.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Humberside Seahawks v Billingham Bombers; Murrayfield Racers v Durham Wasps; Norwich and Peterborough v Fife Flyers; Whitley Warriors v Cardiff Devils. First division: Medway Bears v Milton Keynes Kings; Romford Raiders v Telford Tigers; Sheffield Steelers v Lee Valley Lions, Slough Jets v Swindon Wildcats.

TENNIS

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TABLE TENNIS

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England's XI topple Bedi's XVI

Hick grasps chance to run into form for one-day series

FROM PETER BALL IN DELHI

ON THE 1984-5 tour of India, Chris Cowdrey was nicknamed Prince because he was allowed to bat in the nets without having to take his turn bowling. Kapil Dev took the regal approach one stage further here yesterday by turning up only to bat for Bishen Bedi's XI against England.

Bedi's XI was something of a misnomer, as the team employed 16 players in all but the match nevertheless provided a useful workout for England. Tufnell and Salisbury bowled well and Hick, at last, playing a big innings, hitting 93 as England won a 50-over contest by two wickets, with two balls to spare.

That is not much to get excited about, but after Wednesday's dire performance anything was welcome, as Keith Fletcher, the England manager, conceded. "I am happier than I was," he said. "It was a better performance than the last one, but we've still got a long way to go. We're still not playing as well as I'd like."

The biggest plus to come out of the day was the success of Hick, who entertained a sparse but enthusiastic crowd with some fine strokes once he got going. He took to the second left-arm spinner, Bharti Vij, with relish, hitting him for three straight sixes. One went straight into the bottom of the press stand to bring Dermot Reeve's mother, a solitary figure high on the terraces at square leg, excitedly to her feet.

Maninder was treated with rather more respect, as his figures of one of 26 in ten overs show. His last two overs produced some panic as England lost a flurry of wickets. They are not sorry to see his name missing from India's squad for the one-day international at Jaipur on Monday.

England still have some question marks against them. "At this time places are wide open," John Emburey said on Thursday. "Graham [Gooch] has a set pattern and likes to keep to it, but the way things are going at the moment he might have to change."

The composition of yesterday's team suggested that, at present, the England captain intends to stick to his plans, at least until after the Jaipur match. The problem is that not many people are making a convincing case for him to change his mind.

Of the expected team, Robin Smith, in the unusual role as opener, at least took the opportunity to get half an innings behind him but he then got out for 30. Fairbrother, also in search of runs, again did the hard part, and then was run out for 16 when he was beginning to settle. But, for the moment, England will have to stick by him. There are no apparent alternatives.

The decision not to give Atherton a game means that the Lancashire opener has been discounted as a one-day player. Fletcher's comments afterwards suggested that Blakey, who did play yesterday, is only being regarded as wicketkeeping cover, in spite of his century in a club match last weekend. In any case, he did not stake an irresistible claim when things fell apart in the closing overs.

If there is to be a change from the expected side, it may come in the bowling. Although Paul Taylor claimed an early wicket, he did not do enough to suggest that he would replace DeFreitas or Lewis, but both Tufnell and Salisbury bowled well enough to mount a serious challenge to Emburey.

SCORES: Bishen Bedi's XI 202 for 6 (50 overs; S Chopra 50 not out, A Sharma 45); England XI 203 for 8 (49.4 overs; G A Hick 93). England XI won by two wickets.

Winners' gallery: Upson, surrounded by photographic reminders of his best racing moments, plots further success in his Adstone study

Upson the survivor walks financial tightrope

Richard Evans meets trainer John Upson, who is attempting to mix racing with business to keep the recession and his bankers at bay

John Upson bit on his cigar, watched from his office as second lot headed out on to the winding Northamptonshire lane leading to his gallops, and spat out the word. "Banks," he hissed.

"They spend the whole of their lives telling you how to run your business and yet how many billions have they lost in the third world and in property ventures? If they were ordinary businesses, every one of them would be bankrupt by now."

Upson speaks with understandable feeling about the country's unloved High Street financiers, following the collapse of Erostin two years ago.

After building up the property and construction company from nothing to a stock market-quoted concern with a £50 million annual turnover, Upson saw it perish at the hands of the recession and squabbling bankers.

"Liquidation was so senseless. It could so easily have been saved, but I had too many banks who could not agree with each other. That was the basic problem."

The subsequent difficulty was the threat posed by Erostin's demise to a racing venture which began innocently with a horse bought as a business public relations exercise, and developed into a full-blown training establishment with around 40 jumpers, based six miles from Towcester.

Although Upson had bought the yard and horses at Adstone from Erostin for £300,000 in 1987 prior to the company's stock market flotation, the crash of his business posed a threat which still hovers in the background.

"There was no way I could continue to fund this because I didn't have the income, so I immediately had to try to turn it into commercial stables. I don't say it is on a knife-edge, but every single month you get through is another month gone.

"One of the things which I find hardest to accept is that I am still perceived as a wealthy owner-trainer who plays at it. The reality is that if I don't make this pay I will be out of business like anyone else."

This season he has real hopes of breaking even, with revenue coming from training fees (only ten of the 33 horses are now owned by him or his wife), selling bloodstock, and prize-money.

Very Very Ordinary's success at Ascot yesterday and the victory of Zeta's Lad in the Thyestes Chase at Gowran Park on Thursday confirmed the well-being of his string. The Green Stuff and Overhereoverthere have also contributed to 17 domestic successes from 102 runners, which show an overall betting profit of nearly £50 to a £1 stake.

Born in 1944, Upson was a "working class kid from Southend" with ten brothers and sisters. His parents were life-long members of the Labour party and by the age of 14, Upson was a member of the Young Socialists. Although not actively involved in politics today, it remains his second passion.

After leaving school at 15, he joined his father, who was a small building sub-contractor, before branching out on his own. He gradually worked his way up, gained qualifications at college during the evenings, and by the late 1970s was a director of Greenwood Homes, chaired by David (now Lord) Young.

Greenwood Homes enjoyed considerable public relations and racecourse success with Greenwood Star and Upson tried a similar racing ploy after setting up Erostin.

His first horse, Erostin Star, flopped but winners soon flowed from Stan Mellor's yard. It was Mellor who suggested Upson should have paddocks where the horses could go in the summer.

After viewing more than 100 potential sites, Upson bought Highfields, complete with 450 acres, and Tom Costello, the Irish trainer, subsequently suggested it would be a good place from which to train.

Terry Casey, Costello's son, John, and Brian Rothwell were, in turn, responsible for day-to-day training. Upson became a permit holder in 1989 before taking out a full training licence in 1991.

"My philosophy about training horses is that it is a team effort. The idea that a brilliant trainer is solely responsible for winners may work well for the press, but I run this place exactly the same as a business. I build a team of people around me, get the best available and look after them."

After supervising the horses' work and entries, Upson travels to Milton Keynes from where he runs Fiveleigh, a successor to Erostin, before going racing or returning for evening stables.

What began as a hobby has become a job — but there are no regrets. "I would pay to do it," Upson says.

He now possesses a confidence, having competed against the best at the top level. "What you have got to have is the best horses, that is 95 per cent of it. If I have a real chink in my training armour it is not being able to get a horse ready for a gamble on a particular day.

"Fortunately, I probably have the best collection of owners in England. Not one of them gambles, so I am never under pressure to get horses ready to win on a particular day."

Some might say his weakness is his strength. The horses keep winning, wherever and whenever.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Dual role for Reilly pleases everybody

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE Great Britain coach, Malcolm Reilly, is to be the new team manager of the first division team, Halifax, but will remain in charge of the Great Britain team until 1996.

A three-cornered agreement with the Rugby Football League (RFL) returns Reilly to the grassroots of the game at Halifax, and finally removes any doubt about his leaving the Great Britain helm, which a move back to Castleford, with whom he had been strongly linked, would probably have entailed.

With no obvious replacement, his departure after six years had been viewed with dread, and there was even talk of a successor from overseas. Reilly, 44, will remain in charge for the tours by New Zealand next season and Australia in 1994 and the World Cup here in 1995, to mark the game's centenary.

Although highly successful in turning round the fortunes of the national side, Reilly's frustration at being away from the club scene had become increasingly apparent.

"The sense of disillusionment after we lost to Australia in the World Cup final in October didn't help," he admitted.

"You could call it the best of both worlds. I've wanted a move to a club for a while now, but this means I'll be closer to the action, which I see as beneficial from a national coaching sense."

Reilly performed both roles while coaching Castleford and Leeds, until 1989, but was restricted then by full-time employment as a brewery representative. The call from Halifax last week had come as a surprise following the dismissal of Roger Millward as coach at Thrum Hall after two years.

His contract will run for three-and-a-half seasons.

Hull threaten Wigan

WIGAN'S monopoly of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup for the past five years will be severely tested by Hull in the preliminary round tomorrow (Christopher Irvine writes). The two conjured perhaps the most dramatic final, 28-24 in 1985, the first of Wigan's six triumphs in eight seasons, the last time they confronted each other in the cup.

Their meeting is the third of the season at Central Park, with one win each, although John Monie, the Wigan coach, is not overconfident after the latest win in the Regal Trophy semi-final, which he admitted was partially dictated by Hull's weakness because of absentees.

Wigan, too, are over several of their injury worries, but not the memory of their uncharacteristic lackdustre display that led to a defeat by Warrington last week.

SKIING

Downhill men get final call

BY DAVID POWELL

BRITAIN will send three men's downhillers to the Alpine world championships in Japan next month undeterred by their form in the World Cup this winter. The Bell brothers, Martin and Graham, and Ronald Duncan were named yesterday in a team of five who will compete at the championships in Morioka from February 3 to 14.

All three are ranked below sixtieth in the World Cup starting list. Duncan said in December that he would retire at the end of the season if his results did not improve, which they have not, and Martin Bell assessed his performance in the second of two downhills at Garmisch-Partenkirchen last weekend by saying: "My time is not quite as embarrassing as yesterday's."

Although each team member is being asked by the British Ski Federation (BSF) to contribute £500 towards the cost of competing in Morioka, the national governing body is having to find £1,500 per skier. Its Alpine budget fell from £280,000 last season to £190,000 this season, mainly because of lost sponsorship.

Sarah Lewis, the BSF Alpine director, said that the three men had met the minimum selection criteria, Duncan with his World Cup results last season and the Bells in Continental Cup and FIS races this season.

The highest place achieved by any of them in the World Cup this season was fiftieth by Graham Bell. Duncan has the worst average. Lewis said: "Ronald is back to his best gliding. His selection is specific for the course in Morioka, which is a glider's course."

BRITISH TEAM: Men: G Bell, M Bell, R Duncan. Women: E Carrick-Anderson, C de Pourtales.

Spartan Sprite poised to make flying start

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

THE first winner of the new season could be Spartan Sprite if connections allow her to contest the members' race at the Waveney Harriers meeting at Higham today.

Spartan Sprite was successful at the Folkestone United Hunter Chase meeting last May when she justified favouritism by beating As You Were by six lengths.

This nine-year-old mare could meet Up The Cherries, who returns to point-to-pointing after a disappointing spell under Rules with the Wendover trainer John White.

Spartan Sprite has an alternative engagement in the open, which would be far more difficult with the likes of Seven Of Diamonds and the Welsh stable companions, Brunico and Radio Cue, in the possible line-up.

Even though reaching 13 years of age, Deer Crest could still show the way home in the confined race to his younger rivals, of which the best may be Richard Hunt.

Mountain Crash ended a busy season in 1992 with a sequence of five wins. This could be further extended in the ladies' open under the champion novice rider, Gi Chown.

Mend will not have the top-of-the-ground conditions that he favours, but could still come out best in the intermediate.

The winner of the first race in the Russell, Baldwin and Bright Maiden series — which has two Irish qualifiers, not one, as I wrote in my review yesterday — will not be easy to find. Of those making their debut, Couture Quality may be the pick.

Today's meeting

Waveney Harriers at Higham, 7 miles north east of Colchester (first race, 12.00).

Ascot

Going: heavy

12.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1, BE MY HABITAT (P Scudamore, 11-2); 2, Badastan (M Dwyer, 4-1); 3, Sayh (B Clifford, 1-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 12 Collaborate (4th). 4 ran. 12l, nk, 25l. Miss L Siddall at Taddiester. Tote: £4.40. DF: £7.50. CSF: £21.88.

1.30 (2m ch) 1, CARBONATE (W Marston, 7-4 fav); 2, Uncle Eli (M Hourigan, 2-1); 3, Dr Rocket (D Meredith, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Way Of Life (4th). 5 ran. NR: Frozen Minstrel. 2l, 12l, 20l, R Buckler at Bridport. Tote: £2.40; £2.40. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.89.

2.05 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, STORMHEAD (J Osborne, 7-2 jt-fav); 2=, Sparkling Sunset (R Dunwoody, 20-1); 2=, The Glow (P Holley, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Book Of Music, 11-2 Turning Trix (4th), 9 Strong John, 10 Pontoon Bridge, Manarese, 14 Gendouge Glen (5th), 20 James The First (6th), One More Run, Father Ralph, 33 Go Universal, 66 Griffins Bar, 100 October Winds. 15 ran. 3½l, dd-ht, 3½l, hd, 5l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.40; £2.90, Sparkling Sunset £3.60, The Glow £3.70. DF: Stormhead & Sparkling Sunset £24.20, Stormhead & The Glow £23.90. CSF: Stormhead & Sparkling Sunset £32.88, Stormhead & The Glow £27.26.

2.35 (2m ch) 1, VALIANT BOY (R Garritty, 7-4); 2, Kibreet (P Holley, 100-30); 3, Reggae Beat (R Campbell, 6-5 fav). 3 ran. NR: Wonder Man. 6l, 20l. S Kettlewell at Middleham. Tote: £2.80. DF: £3.30. CSF: £5.79.

3.05 (3m 110yd ch) 1, VERY VERY ORDINARY (R Supple, 2-1 fav; Mandarin's nap & Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Belmount Captain (A Maguire, 4-1); 3, Captain Dibble (C Llewellyn, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Stringalask (5th), 8 Mutare (f), 16 On The Twist (4th). 6 ran. 8l, 8l, 20l, 20l. J Upson at Towcester. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £2.20. DF: £7.00. CSF: £9.67.

3.35 (3m) 1, SWEET GLOW (D Richmond, 16-1); 2, Grace Card (M Dwyer, 5-2 fav); 3, Dara Doone (H Davies, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Royal Athlete, 8 Sweet Duke (5th), 16 Sayyure (pu), Abnegation (pu), Bonzean Chieftain (4th), Super Sense (5th), Celebrese, Pregada, Vado Via. 25l Sir Cruddy, 100 Lawnsworth. 14 ran. 2½l, hd, 20l, 3½l, 25l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £21.00; £4.20, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £83.30. Trio: £83.40. CSF: £51.80 Tricast: £328.16.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £6,570.25 carried over to Ascot today).

Placepot: £1,729.10.

Edinburgh

Going: good (good to soft patches)

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, Alum Bay (G McCourt, 4-1); 2, Kallo (4-7 fav); 3, Media Messenger (10-1). 11 ran. ½l, 10l. N Tinkler. Tote: £6.00; £2.00, £1.10, £4.60. DF: £5.30. CSF: £7.02.

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, John Naman (M Moloney, 5-2); 2, Jubilats (5-1); 3, Make Me Proud (15-8 fav). 10 ran. 1½l, 2½l. P Monteith. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £9.20. CSF: £13.89.

1.45 (3m ch) 1, The Yank (S Storey, 4-5 fav); 2, Wild Atlantic (3-1); 3, Island Gale (4-1). 8 ran. 12l, 5l. M Hammond. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £3.00. DF: £3.10. CSF: £3.92.

2.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Pandessa (R Hodge, 9-4); 2, Valiant Dash (15-8 fav); 3, Leading Role (9-2). 10 ran. 1½l, 8l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.60; £1.80, £2.20, £2.60. DF: £2.40. CSF: £6.59.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Icarus (L Wyer, 85-40 fav); 2, Tres Amigos (5-1); 3, Simple Pleasure (9-2). 9 ran. 8l, 8l. M H Easterby. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £7.30. CSF: £13.16. Tricast: £40.73.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Trump (B Storey, 25-1); 2, Glamot (5-1); 3, Rapid Mover (14-1). Fantastical 2-1 fav, 14 ran. NR: Timanaya. ½l, 5l. C Parker. Tote: £239.70; £16.10, £1.30, £1.70. DF (winner or 2nd with any other): £3.50. CSF: £162.57. Tricast: £1,727.47.

3.45 (3m hdle) 1, Tindari (P Williams, 4-1); 2, King Of Steel (2-1 fav), 3, Desert Mist (5-1). 9 ran. NR: Pretty Gavte 3l, 31=l, J Jefferson. Tote: £4.30; £2.60, £1.10, £4.90. DF: £2.90. CSF: £12.07. Tricast: £35.90.

Placepot: £16.30.

Southwell

Going: standard

12.55 (1m) 1, Sirtalmar (J McLaughlin, 9-4 fav); 2, Express Service (6-1), 3, Who's That Lady (7-2). 11 ran. 1½l, 3l. R Spicer. Tote: £4.00; £1.30, £2.50, £1.80. DF: £11.50. CSF: £16.29.

1.25 (1m) 1, Lock Keeper (J Quinn, Evens fav); 2, Amenable (7-1); 3, Kleaver (7-2). 9 ran. NR: Super Summit. 3½l, 3½l. J Mackie. Tote: £1.90; £1.00, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £4.40. CSF: £8.98.

1.55 (6f) 1, Comet Whirlpool (J Quinn, 4-1); 2, Henshelber (14-1); 3, Rose Flyer (9-4 fav). 8 ran. 1l, 1½l. Pat Mitchell. Tote: £5.50; £1.60, £2.10, £1.10. DF: £38.70. CSF: £47.38.

2.25 (7f) 1, Persian Traveller (D Nicholls, 7-1); 2, Mister Bisbe (7-4); 3, Desmond Point (8-11 fav). 4 ran. NR: Vaddelian. 3½l, 2½l. T Fairhurst. Tote: £3.70. DF: £4.10. CSF: £17.94.

2.55 (2m) 1, Atlantic Way (G Bardwell, 4-1); 2, Lafkadio (8-1); 3, Shakinate (7-2). Malsnoir 5-2 fav. 8 ran. 1½l, 8l. C Hill. Tote: £4.80; £1.50, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £18.60. CSF: £31.58. Tricast: £109.21.

3.25 (7f) 1, Tacit Mac (Emma O'Gorman, 2-1 fav); 2, On Y Va (7-1), 3, The Dream Maker (16-1). 11 ran. NR: Galloy Goesto. Sl, 1l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £2.70; £1.80, £2.70, £3.00. DF: £7.40. CSF: £16.40. Tricast: £187.67.

3.55 (1m 4f) 1, Sugamar (D McCabe, 5-2 fav); 2, Tempering (7-1), 3, Eurovest (11-2). 10 ran. 8l, nk. M Chapman. Tote: £6.10; £2.10, £3.20, £1.90. DF: £19.70. CSF: £19.34. Tricast: £81.31.

Placepot: £259.10.

SNOW REPORT

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
ITALY							
Cervinia	75	250	hard	slick	fine	1C	28/12
(All lifts, pistes open. All links open)							
Livigno	45	200	good	hard	clear	-3C	12/12
(26 lifts operating. Best snow Monte delle Neve)							
Madonna	70	120	hard	open	sunny	2C	5/12
(25 lifts open. Good snow Monte Groste)							
Sauze d'Oulx	30	70	compact	slick	sunny	-1C	28/12
(17 lifts open. Limited skiing lower slopes)							
FRANCE							
Argentiere	120	320	good	patchy	bright	7C	12/1
(8 pistes open. Best snow above 2300m)							
Courchevel	70	160	good	worn	sunny	5C	12/1
(66 lifts operating. Good snow La Saulire)							
Megève	5	130	good some closed		sunny	7C	12/1
(37 lifts operating. Good snow Rochebrune, Mont d'Arbois)							
Valloire	20	120	hard some closed		sunny	8C	12/12
(60 pistes open. Best snow La Celsz and above 2000m)							
UNITED STATES							
Breckenridge	85	100	good	goodlight snow		-1C	14/1
(13 lifts, 102 trails open)							
Mammoth	185	400	powder	powder snowing		-3C	14/1
(Excellent conditions throughout entire area)							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	30	150	hard some closed		sunny	0C	12/12
(34 lifts open. Best snow Parsenn)							
St Moritz	60	110	firm	good	sunny	2C	12/1
(All lifts open. Good snow Diavolezza, Lagalb)							
Wengen	5	30	hard	closed	fine	6C	12/12
(16 lifts open)							
Zermatt	40	140	good	hard	sunny	-1C	12/1
(All lifts open. Links with Cervinia open)							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	5	45	worn	patchy	bright	2C	10/1
(48 lifts open. Wet snow after noon)							
Mayrhofen	5	70	soft	closed	bright	5C	12/1
(All pistes open except to resort. Best snow Hintertux glacier)							
St Anton	10	250	good	patchy	sunny	1C	12/1
(28 lifts open)							
Zell am See	5	70	hard	poor	sunny	1C	12/12
(Nearly all lifts open. Wet snow after noon)							

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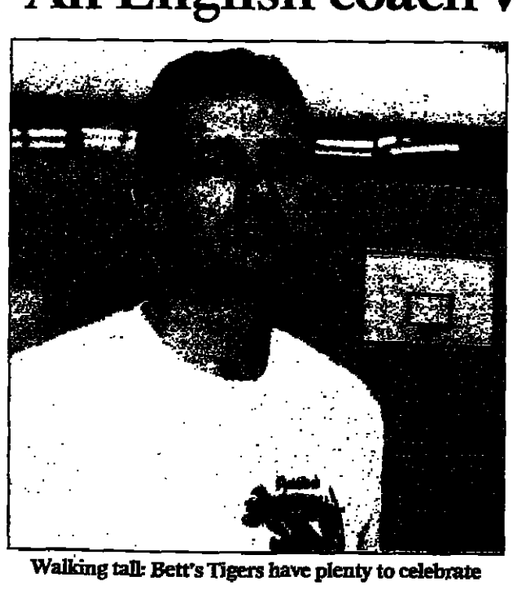
An English coach who can look down on the rest



Walking tall: Bett's Tigers have plenty to celebrate

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

MICK Bett has never known anything like it. There have been phone calls galore, television people, photographers and reporters, all of them wanting to speak to, or focus on, basketball's man of the moment and his team of the moment, the Thames Valley Tigers.

"Basketball needs all the publicity it can get," he said, "but to be bombarded like this does, I think, take the players' minds off the job in hand." There is a sarcastic remark from his wife, Michelle, as she answers a phone call. "It's for me. I can't believe it," she exclaimed.

Bett, a shy 6ft 6in figure, finds the whole thing slightly embarrassing. "All I've done is take a team to the top of the league and win the World Invitation Club Championship, which without belittling the WICB, is nothing really," he said.

Bett, who teaches mathematics at Tasis, a school for American students, is that rare commodity, a successful English coach in a game dominated by Americans, two of whom will be among the opposition when Tigers play Guildford Kings tomorrow in the final of the NatWest Trophy.

The rival coach at Birmingham's national indoor arena will be Kevin Cadle, for whom Bett played in a four-month spell at Kingston two years ago. "Kevin has won things, year in year out, because he has the ability to attract the best players," Bett said. He bears Cadle no resentment for not allowing him more court time before he left for Hemel Hempstead. From there he soon moved across Hertfordshire, to Ware, as player-coach, where he ended a career that brought him 43 England caps.

One of Guildford's five Carlsberg League defeats this season was at the hands of the Tigers but Bett feels that Cadle's squad is now stronger for the return of Lorenzo Duncan, whose confrontation with the most prolific Tiger, Nigel Lloyd, from Barbados, could decide the outcome.

Whatever the result, Bett's hard-to-please employers can hardly complain. He is the seventh coach in four seasons at the Bracknell club and made three applications before he was finally offered the job.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Kelly passes fitness test for AFC final

JIM Kelly has proved his fitness and will start at quarterback tomorrow when the Buffalo Bills play the Miami Dolphins in the American Football Conference final.

The winners will advance to Super Bowl XXVII on January 31 against the winners of the National Football Conference final, between the Dallas Cowboys and the San Francisco 49ers.

On Wednesday Kelly sailed through his first full practice after straining his right knee in the regular-season finale.

FIXTURES (won-lost records in brackets): Tomorrow: Conference finals: AFC: Buffalo Bills (13-5) at Miami Dolphins (12-5); NFC: Dallas Cowboys (14-3) at San Francisco 49ers (15-2); January 31: Super Bowl XXVII (Rose Bowl, Pasadena).

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KEE MEETINGS

Kelly passes fitness test for AFC final

Sabin Du Loir retires on a high

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SABIN Du Loir, who beat Desert Orchid four times during a distinguished career, has been retired following his thrilling success in the John Bull Chase at Wincanton on Thursday.

"It's a great way to go out," Martin Pipe, trainer of the 14-year-old, said yesterday. "He's 100 per cent and could run tomorrow. Brian Kilpatrick, his owner, was thinking of this yesterday and decided to stop on a winning note."

Victorious in 21 of his 41 races, Sabin Du Loir won the Sun Alliance Hurdle as a four-year-old for Michael Dickinson, beating Dawn Run and West Tip, respective future Gold Cup and Grand National winners.

He subsequently developed leg trouble and hardly saw a racecourse for three years but, as so often happens when a horse is sent to Pipe, he found a new lease of life.

"He was one of my favourites and won 15 times for me. He was what an ideal racehorse should be, a perfect gentleman," the champion trainer said.

Pipe: fond farewell to fine servant

Pipe, refreshed after a sunshine break in Tenerife, was speaking at Ascot where Sweet Glow repeated last year's success in the Rosling King Handicap Hurdle.

Under a fine ride from David Richmond, the diminutive six-year-old came with a late run to catch Dara Doone and withstand the late challenge of Mary Reveley's raider, Grace Card.

Having scared off much of the potential opposition for the PML Lightning Novices' Chase, Wonder Man was a late withdrawal after puncturing the sole of a foot.

David Nicholson's exciting novice would have had to be at his best to deal with Valiant Boy, whose fluency over fences and late acceleration more than made up for a 93-day absence from the racecourse.

Steve Kettlewell, who was enjoying his biggest training success, explained: "I did not have him straight enough for his last run and he tightened up as a result and set fast three or four times over the following week. He has had human treatment for muscular dystrophy to help ease his muscles."

More conventional remedies produced a return to form for Be My Habitat, who instigated a memorable Yorkshire double when winning the Silver Doctor Novices' Hurdle.

However, the success prompted an enquiry by the Ascot stewards into the extraordinary turnaround in form produced by Lynn Siddall's hurdler.

In his previous race at Kempton, Be My Habitat had finished more than 60 lengths behind Sayh, while yesterday he finished a dozen lengths in front of the 2-1 on favourite.

Siddall had a simple explanation. "I think the jockey [Declan Murphy] gave him a bad ride last time. He was told to sit second and keep the horse well up towards the front but he didn't."

Peter Scudamore, who rode the winner to his previous Ascot success, told the stewards the horse ran best when allowed to dominate from the front — an explanation which was accepted at the enquiry.

John Upson is still in Ireland (hardly surprising given the success of Zeta's Lad in the Thyestes Chase on Thursday) and so missed seeing Robbie Supple ride Very Very Ordinary to perfection when capturing the First National Handicap Chase.

The seven-year-old is improving by leaps and bounds and given his style of running — finishing fast from off the pace similar to Cool Ground at his best — he looks one to follow for the rest of the season.

Andrew Cohen, who has ten horses with Upson, joked: "His name is not quite right, is it? He has learnt to switch off now and gets three miles well. He will go for the Great Yorkshire Handicap Chase at Doncaster where he is very well in at the weights."

The victory of Very Very Ordinary and Sabin Du Loir on Thursday pay a compliment to Another Coral who beat the pair comfortably at Newbury two weeks ago. Nicholson's improving chaser remains a live Cheltenham Gold Cup outsider.

The EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle at Ascot often throws up a decent winner and Stormhead should follow the trend after making all the running.

Oliver Sherwood's youngster loves soft going and will improve over further.

Smart Sybillin on tempting mark to take Ascot feature

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

SYBILLIN, with only 10st 10lb to carry, can win the grade two Victor Chandler Handicap Chase at Ascot today with Mark Dwyer in the saddle.

While Jimmy Fitzgerald acknowledges that he is throwing this talented novice in at the deep end after only three races over fences, he knows what it takes to win this particular race having done so in 1990 with Meikleour, who also carried 10st 10lb.

Describing him as the best two-mile chasing prospect that he has ever handled from the hurdling ranks, the Malton trainer feels that he cannot let this opportunity slip by.

At Newcastle last month, Sybillin coped admirably with heavy conditions underfoot when he beat Dawson City, the winner of his three previous races, by four lengths at level weights.

Previously Sybillin had won over today's course and distance.

In addition to Sybillin, Fitzgerald is also represented by Boutzdaroff for whom the going could well prove too testing.

The same qualification applies to the top weight, Young Snugfit, who has not raced this season along with Star's Delight, one of two runners from Martin Pipe's stable.

Cyphrate is their main hope, having given weight and a beating to Last 'O' The Bunch over today's course and distance four weeks ago.

Edward O'Grady's decision to send Blitzkreig over from Ireland must be respected on account of his own judgement and his horse's ability to win the race two seasons ago.

For Deep Sensation this represents a return to the minimum distance having won over two-and-a-half miles on today's track in November, before failing to get three miles at Kempton.

On past form Deep Sensation should not manage to give 10lb to Freeline Finishing, his conqueror at Chepstow in November.

If Sybillin measures up to my expectations, Dwyer can complete a double by taking the Teal And Green Handicap Hurdle on **Beachy Head**.

Even Valfinet, unbeaten this season, who has gone up 8lb as a result of last Saturday's victory at Haydock, should find Beachy Head troublesome at a difference of 15lb.

Beachy Head was trying to give 23lb to Thursday's Wetherby winner Nijmegen when he was beaten two lengths on his seasonal debut at Uttoxeter.

However, **The Illywhacker** looks the day's best bet in the Grosvenor Insurance Chase if he can reproduce in a handicap what he achieved in the King George VI Chase at Kempton when he finished third behind The Fellow and Pat's Jester. He may well have finished second but for misjudging the last fence.

ASCOT

MANDARIN
12.50 Maamur.
1.25 THE ILLYWHACKER (nap).
2.00 Sybillin.
2.35 Hebridean.
3.05 Dakyns Boy.
3.40 Beachy Head.

THUNDERER
12.50 Maamur.
1.25 The Illywhacker.
2.00 BLITZKREIG (nap).
2.35 Hebridean.
3.05 Dakyns Boy.
3.40 Beachy Head.

RICHARD EVANS: 2.00 Freeline Finishing. 3.05 Dakyns Boy. 3.40 BEACHY HEAD (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 CYPHRATE.

GOING: HEAVY

12.50 PHILIP CORNES NOVICES HURDLE (BBC1)
(£3,210: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

101 2112 GRAND HAWK 30 (BF,G,S) (M Jones) M Pipe 5-11-4 P Scudamore 73
102 13 MAAMUR 42 (D,G) (Park Industrial Supplies (Wales) Ltd) D Burchell 5-11-4 W Marston (5)
103 64 DANTE'S NEPHEW 35 (M Pinto) J Gifford 6-11-0 D Murphy 78
104 0000-03 HERMES HARVEST 19 (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 5-11-0 B Powell 52
105 66 PETTAUGH 11 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 5-11-0 A Maguire 50
106 60/ PROVING 680 (Mrs I Spelier) J Gifford 9-11-0 E Murphy —
107 11/50-P3 MARTOMICK 14 (D,S) (R Shaw) K Bailey 6-10-9 A Tory 73

BETTING: 11-8 Maamur, 2-1 Grand Hawk, 9-2 Dante's Nephew, 8-1 Martomick, 16-1 Pettaugh, 20-1 others.

1992: CUDDY DALE 9-11-0 B Sheridan (12-1) F Murphy 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRAND HAWK 10l 2nd of 8 to Irish Bay in a novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, soft). MAAMUR 2l 3rd of 10 to Valfinet in a valuable grade III handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, heavy). DANTE'S NEPHEW 3½l 4th of 9 to Satin Lover in the grade II Lanzarote Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft).
Selection: MAAMUR

1.25 GROSVENOR INSURANCE HANDICAP CHASE (BBC1)
(£8,694: 2m 3f 110yd) (8 runners)

201 1-415B3 THE ILLYWHACKER 21 (B,D,G,S) (J Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-10 M Pitman
202 2F-4112 CALAPAEZ 19 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Caine) Miss B Sanders 9-10-9 M Richards 88
203 13P-55P REPEAT THE DOSE 35 (D,F,G,S) (A Wales) T Etherington 8-10-9 G McCourt 91
204 1212P1 EMSEE-H 7 (D,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-9 A Maguire 90
205 /FP1F-F2 UNCLE ELI 1 (B,S) (J Burley) P Hobbs 10-10-0 Peter Hobbs 53
206 6F5-101 RETAIL RUNNER 28 (CD,G,S) (M Pinto) J Gifford 8-10-0 D Murphy 77
207 /3421- PRIVATE AUDITION 333 (D,F,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 11-10-0 Mr Paul Murphy (7) 82
208 P-56626 CITY INDEX 9 (F) (The Hesketh Partnership) B Smith 7-10-0 P Leech 53

Long handicap: Uncle Eli 9-9, Retail Runner 9-5, Private Audition 9-3, City Index 7-4.

BETTING: Evens The Illywhacker, 5-1 Emsee-H, 7-1 Retail Runner, 8-1 Calapaez, 12-1 Repeat The Dose, Uncle Eli, 20-1 Private Audition, 50-1 City Index.

1992: FOR THE GRAIN 8-11-1 R Dunwoody (7-2 fav) D Nicholson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE ILLYWHACKER 13l 3rd of 8 to The Fellow in the grade I King George VI Chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft).
CALAPAEZ neck 2nd of 10 to For The Grain in a handicap chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft), with EMSEE-H, broke blood vessel, pulled up (same terms). EMSEE-H beat Al Hashimi 3½l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Sandown (2m, good to soft). UNCLE ELI 2l 2nd of 4 to Carbonate in a conditional jockeys' handicap chase here yesterday (2m, heavy). RETAIL RUNNER beat Grange Brake 6l in a 7-runner novice chase over course and distance (soft).
Selection: THE ILLYWHACKER

2.00 VICTOR CHANDLER HANDICAP CHASE (BBC1)
(Grade II: £22,528: 2m) (11 runners)

301 4/52P21- YOUNG SNUGFIT 329 (CD,F,G,S) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 9-11-10 J Osborne 91
302 21U/118- STAR'S DELIGHT 311 (CD,F,G,S) (F Barr) M Pipe 11-11-7 M Perrett 96
303 512/882 BLITZKREIG 20 (CD,G,S) (J McManus) E O'Grady (Ire) 10-11-7 C O'Dwyer 95
304 2F11-61 CYPHRATE 28 (CD,G,S) (Allac Smith & Jones Racing) M Pipe 7-11-1 (4ex) P Scudamore
305 4-22125 DEEP SENSATION 21 (CD,F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 8-10-11 D Murphy 91
306 353-111 SYBILLIN 28 (CD,F,G,S) (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-10 (4ex) M Dwyer 89
307 011F-52 AL HASHIMI 7 (D,F,G) (J Hobbs) D Nicholson 9-10-9 C Llewellyn 91
308 3-32122 SURE METAL 35 (D,F,G,S) (Nolan Hardman & Partners Ltd) D McCain 10-10-8 G McCourt 93
309 P3-1124 FREELINE FINISHING 35 (D,G,S) (Irving Street) N Henderson 9-10-4 R Dunwoody 88
310 1/03F-42 BOUTZDAROFF 60 (D,BF,F,S) (Robinson Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-10-4 A Maguire 93
311 1555-16 FRAGRANT DAWN 58 (D,BF,F,G,S) (W O'Gorman) D Elsworth 9-10-4 P Holley 81

Long handicap: Freeline Finishing 10-1, Boutzdaroff 10-1, Fragrant Dawn 9-11.

BETTING: 3-1 Cyphrate, 4-1 Blitzkreig, Sybillin, 9-2 Deep Sensation, 8-1 Freeline Finishing, 14-1 Young Snugfit, 25-1 Al Hashimi, Star's Delight, 33-1 Fragrant Dawn, Sure Metal, 40-1 Boutzdaroff.

1992: WATERLOO BOY 9-11-10 R Dunwoody (6-4 fav) D Nicholson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG SNUGFIT 2l 2nd of 5 to Waterloo Boy in this race last year (good to firm), with SURE METAL (5lb better off) a distance 3rd. BLITZKREIG 2l 2nd of 9 to Sasemma in a handicap chase at Leopardstown (2m 1f, yielding to soft). CYPHRATE beat Last 'O' The Bunch 3½l in a 7-runner handicap chase over course and distance.
DEEP SENSATION 29½l 5th to The Fellow in the grade I King George VI Chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft). Previously, 2½l 2nd of 5 to Waterloo Boy in the grade II Tingle Creek Handicap Chase at Sandown (2m, soft) on penultimate start, and beat Danny Harrold 2l in the grade II H & T Walker Handicap Chase here (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft) with CYPHRATE (5lb better off) tailed-off 6th. SYBILLIN beat What's In Orbit 8l in a 5-runner novice chase over course and distance on penultimate start (good to soft). SURE METAL 2½l 2nd of 8 to Shamana in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, soft), with AL HASHIMI (same terms) 4l 3rd.
FREELINE FINISHING ¾l 2nd of 6 to Setter Country in a handicap chase over course and distance on penultimate start (good to soft), with FRAGRANT DAWN (4lb worse off) 50l 6th.
Selection: CYPHRATE

2.35 DURHAM RANGER NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,288: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

401 1 HEBRIDEAN 11 (D,S) (P Deal) D Nicholson 6-11-9 R Dunwoody
402 44-25 CABOCHON 21 (J Joseph) R Frost 6-11-6 J Frost 98
403 00 DENNINGTON 11 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 5-11-6 A Maguire —
404 10 PONTOON BRIDGE 77 (D,S) (Sir Eric Parker) G Harwood 6-11-6 NON-RUNNER —
405 RIFFLE (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 6-11-6 D Murphy —
406 333304- ALLYFAIR 295 (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs J Retter 8-11-1 M A Fitzgerald 72

BETTING: 4-6 Hebridean, 4-1 Cabochon, 7-1 Riffle, 8-1 Allyfair, 14-1 Dennington.

1992: ROSGILL 6-11-9 J Osborne (20-1) P Mitchell 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

HEBRIDEAN beat Land Of the Free 15l in a 15-runner novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy).
CABOCHON 19½l 5th of 11 to Boscean Chieftain in a handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to soft). Previously 3l 2nd of 13 to River Island in a novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft). ALLYFAIR 9½l 4th of 19 to Manenda in a novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good).
Selection: HEBRIDEAN

3.05 PETER ROSS NOVICES CHASE (£8,184: 3m 110yd) (11 runners)

501 44-3111 DAKYNS BOY 21 (D,S) (A Parker) N Twiston-Davies 8-12-0 C Llewellyn
502 0P3-112 CAMELOT KNIGHT 36 (D,S) (Mrs L Dresher) Miss H Knight 7-11-7 R Dunwoody 91
503 PR CARRIGLAWN 7 (Mrs S Lowsada) G Balding 8-11-7 J Frost —
504 1F CLAXTON GREENE 8 (D,BF,S) (Mrs M Ellsgrove) M Pipe 9-11-7 P Scudamore 93
505 06-3133 COOL AND EASY 15 (D,S) (H Pelham) J Gifford 7-11-7 D Murphy 81
506 4P4-430 MR-PAW 7 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 10-11-7 B Murphy 71
507 16P-131 NATIVE PRIDE 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs I Steinmann) K Bailey 6-11-7 A Tory 98
508 1F4-22F RUFUS 11 (D,BF,S) (Mrs J Paultere) J Edwards 7-11-7 N Williamson 90
509 234P6-1 SILVERINO 10 (D,G,S) (D Humphreys) A Moore 7-11-7 G Moore 75
510 PP- VATACAN BANK 382 (P Stamp) O Sherwood 8-11-7 J Osborne —
511 0FPP6/5- WIN ELECTRIC 306 (W Henderson) Mrs R Henderson 7-11-2 Mr W Henderson —

BETTING: 9-4 Dakyns Boy, 3-1 Camelot Knight, 7-2 Claxton Greene, 9-2 Native Pride, 8-1 Rufus, 12-1 Cool And Easy, 14-1 others.

1992: MOSSY FERN 6-10-13 J Osborne (2-1 fav) O Sherwood 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

DAKYNS BOY left clear 3 out when beating Ardcroney Chief a distance in the grade I Feltham Novices' Chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft). Previously, beat Cowden Cottage 15l in a 14-runner novice chase at Towcester (2m 6f, soft), with CARRIGLAWN tailed off when pulled up before 2 out.
CAMELOT KNIGHT 2½l 2nd of 10 to Travelling Wrong in a novice chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, soft). CLAXTON GREENE beat Thamesdown Tootsie 20l in a 12-runner novice chase at Chepstow (3m, soft). NATIVE PRIDE beat Superior Finish 7l in a 16-runner novice chase at Windsor (3m, good to soft), with COOL AND EASY (same terms) 25l 3rd. RUFUS 3l 2nd of 10 to Midnight Caller in a grade II novice chase at Lingfield on penultimate start (3m, soft).
Selection: DAKYNS BOY

3.40 TEAL AND GREEN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£5,344: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

601 461-111 VALFINET 7 (D,G,S) (F Farrant) M Pipe 6-12-0 P Scudamore 90
602 111-2 BEACHY HEAD 29 (D,G,S) (M Tabor) J J O'Neill 5-10-13 M Dwyer
603 130-342 HASHAR 21 (D,F) (W Brown) D Elsworth 5-10-4 G Bradley 94
604 24182-5 SAN FERNANDO 73 (D,S) (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 7-10-3 D Murphy 98
605 1-012F5 GLENSHANE LAD 10 (D,G) (Mrs H Dalley) K Bailey 7-10-1 A Tory —
606 045-320 ROSGILL 19 (CD,F) (Brigadier Racing) M Tompkins 7-10-0 A Maguire 89
607 1345/ FIRST DIVISION 658 (D,S) (W Jenks) W Jenks 10-10-0 Mr T Jenks (7) —
608 50/31- KALOGY 301 (D,F) (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs J Retter 6-10-0 M A Fitzgerald 85

Long handicap: Rosgill 9-12, First Division 9-7, Kalogy 9-2.

BETTING: 11-10 Valfinet, 7-2 Hashar, 9-2 Beachy Head, 10-1 Kalogy, 12-1 Rosgill, San Fernando, 14-1 Glenshane Lad, 25-1 First Division.

1992: ROODED STAR 6-10-0 J Osborne (13-8 fav) N Tinkler 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

VALFINET beat Bollin William 5l in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, soft). BEACHY HEAD 2l 2nd of 7 to Nijmegen in a handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, heavy). HASHAR 2¼l 2nd of 11 to Noble Insight in a handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to soft). SAN FERNANDO 6l 2nd of 11 to Miss Bobby Bennett in a novice hurdle here on final start last season (2m 4f, soft), with ROSGILL (3lb better off) 34l 5th. ROSGILL 5l 2nd of 7 to Abnegation in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham on penultimate start (2m 5f 110yd, soft). KALOGY beat Billy Bathgate 8l in a 18-runner at Newbury maiden hurdle (2m 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: BEACHY HEAD (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Jimmy Fitzgerald	7	14	50.0	M Dwyer	7	19	36.8
Mrs J Pitman	12	44	27.3	P Scudamore	26	95	27.4
M Pipe	23	85	27.1	J Osborne	16	66	24.2
K Bailey	9	39	23.1	M Pitman	6	25	24.0
O Sherwood	9	42	21.4	M A Fitzgerald	3	13	23.1
D Elsworth	9	47	19.1	Peter Hobbs	8	36	22.2

Gaselee has Haydock in mind

GRAND National winner Party Politics could line up for the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock Park on Saturday.

Trainer Nick Gaselee is keen to run, provided the ground is not too soft.

Gaselee has made contingency plans if he is held up by the weather. The nine-year-old could run at Cheltenham the following week or the Greenall's Gold Cup, at Haydock, in February.

If he does run on Saturday Party Politics is likely to come up against Twin Oaks who will be attempting to help trainer Gordon Richards win the Lancashire course's £50,000 chasers' bonus for the second time in three years.

NEWCASTLE

MANDARIN
12.45 Aahsaylad.
1.15 Bluff Knoll.
1.45 Majed.
2.15 Dawson City.
2.45 Sacre D'Or.
3.15 Phils Pride.
3.45 Bollin Patrick.

THUNDERER
12.45 Aahsaylad.
1.15 Mr Boston.
1.45 Majed.
2.15 Dawson City.
2.45 Sacre D'Or.
3.15 Phils Pride.
3.45 Sexy Mover.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

12.45 TEAL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,995: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1 1 AAHSAYLAD 9 (S) (Ms M Horan) J White 7-11-10 B Clifford (3) 93
2 3P-3334 RUSTIC AIR 36 (Mrs B Eve) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 D Byrne 96
3 4022/P- GHIA GNEUIAGH 481 (J de C Scott) C Trietline 7-10-13 D Bridgwater —
4 52464 WHATCOMESNATURALLY 28 (T Thorp) M Hammond 4-10-6 D Bentley (5) 82
5 061401 DANCING DAYS 10 (B,D,G) (R Flegg) J Parkes 7-10-4 N Smith
6 425221 LE PELLEY'S ISLE 36 (S) (M Barnes) M Barnes 6-10-0 B Storey 98
7 34-4231 CHIPAROPAI 31 (S) (J Buzzeo) M Hammond 5-10-0 L Wyer 88
8 200P0-4 BISHOP'S TIPPLE 39 (P Carr) T Carr 7-10-0 A Orkney 88
9 46045-0 ONE FOR THE CHIEF 19 (Mrs J Button) R Whitaker 5-10-0 S Wynne (5) 86
10 /P/03 LADY BE BRAVE 51 (J Roberts) W Storey 10-10-0 K Doolan 80
11 4550-P8 BASSO PROFUNDO 14 (Mrs L Joicey) W Reed 6-10-0 T Reed 92
12 0/04-0 FUTURE GAMBLE 38 (J Plowright) Mrs G Plowright 8-10-0 W Fry (7) 89
13 P50-328 BUSY BOY 30 (R Lamb) R Lamb 6-10-0 C Grant 84
14 P000-0 DENTICULATA 36 (P Spottiswood) P Spottiswood 5-10-0 F Perratt (7) —
15 5P0 KATIESIMP 14 (J Hurst) J Hurst 4-10-0 P Williams (7) —

Long handicap: Chiparopai 9-9, Bishop's Tipple 9-8, One For The Chief 9-7, Lady Be Brave 9-5, Basso Profundo 9-2, Future Gamble 9-2, Busy Boy 8-13, Denticulata 8-10, Katiesimp 8-6.

BETTING: 5-4 Aahsaylad, 9-2 Le Pelley's Isle, 7-1 Rustic Air, Dancing Days, 12-1 Chiparopai, 14-1 others.

1992: TROODOS 6-10-7 D Wilkinson (11-1) Mrs S Austin 10 ran

1.15 PINTAIL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,785: 3m 6f) (8 runners)

1 2P-341U BLUFF KNOLL 30 (C,F,G,S) (R Brewis) R Brewis 10-11-7 C Brownless
2 3-63F42 MR BOSTON 7 (F,G,S) (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 8-11-7 S Turner 96
3 425654 OFF THE BRU 37 (B) (G Lockie) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-5 Mr J Bradburne 98
4 22/44-44 INTO THE RED 60 (S) (J Hockle) J White 9-10-3 B Clifford (3) 90
5 1F005-3 CAROUSEL ROCKET 30 (F,G,S) (A Saccomando) M Hammond 10-10-3 J Callaghan 92
6 5P22F/2 CAPELI CONE 31 (G,S) (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 11-10-0 D Leahy (5) 78
7 /FP2F/2 BOLD SPARTAN 30 (S) (R Kirkland) K Oliver 10-10-0 A Orkney 95
8 5-55554 MAJIC RAIN 54 (G) (N Albey) G Coatsworth 8-10-0 A Merrigan 74

Long handicap: Capeli Cone 9-10, Bold Spartan 9-9, Majic Rain 8-10.

BETTING: 3-1 Bluff Knoll, 7-2 Carousel Rocket, 5-1 Mr Boston, 11-2 Bold Spartan, 7-1 Off The Bru, 8-1 Into The Red, 10-1 Capeli Cone, 14-1 Majic Rain.

1992: STAY ON TRACKS 10-11-7 C Grant (1-2 fav) W A Stephenson 3 ran

1.45 SHOVELER NOVICES HURDLE (£2,994: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

1 55-111 MAJED 14 (D,G,S) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 5 11-8 Mr M Buckley (7) 97
2 460-0 ALDINGTON CHAPPLE 75 (Exors of late C Wheatley) C Trietline 5-11-5 D Bridgwater —
3 PP ALIAS GRAY 91 (F Harbottle) Mrs S Taylor 6-11-5 G Harker —
4 1102-12 ARCOT 35 (D,BF,G) (Pell-mell Partners) J Glover 5-11-5 S D Williams (3)
5 BEACH PATROL 875F (A Batey) A Batey 5-11-5 J Murphy (7) —
6 4452UF BEAUCADEAU 29 (D,BF,F) (T Barnes) M Barnes 7-11-5 B Storey 90
7 0 BOLD'N 87 (N Mason) N Mason 6-11-5 J Supple (7) —
8 0/P-U BREAK THE HABIT 28 (T Gibson) T Gibson 6-11-5 A Lamach —
9 3-5 FULL O'PRAISE 87 (Lord Zetland) P Calver 6-11-5 T Reed 61
10 21 JOHN SHAW 10 (D) (W Farrell) R O'Leary 5-11-5 L Wyer 72
11 640/00-0 STRONG SILVER 29 (Mrs A Johnson) R Johnson 8-11-5 K Johnson —
12 00-121 LOCH GARANNE 46 (CD,S) (G Wilkinson) M Camacho 5-11-3 D Byrne 82
13 5P- CAMDEN GROVE 379 (R McDonald) R McDonald 5-11-0 K Jones —
14 CARNETTO (Mrs R Brewis) R Brewis 6-11-0 C Brownless —
15 00 TUGRA 36 (C Bircham) G Moore 5-11-0 J Callaghan —
16 P BARGEE 28 (B Smith) W Bentley 4-10-7 N Bentley (3) —
17 0 HAUT-BRION 54 (J Burnside) W Storey 4-10-7 K Doolan —

BETTING: 11-10 Majed, 7-2 Arcot, 8-1 Loch Garanne, 10-1 John Shaw, 16-1 Full O'Praise, 20-1 others.

1992: MAZMOOR 6-10-13 Mr R Hale (2-7 fav) A Eubank 9 ran

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1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused D — disqualified) Horse's name Days since last outing: F if flat (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft heavy) Owner in brackets. Trainer Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance The Times Private Handicapper's rating

2.15 DIPPER NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £9,507: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 1-21112 DAWSON CITY 28 (D,BF,F,G,S) (G Shouler) M H Easterby 6-11-9 L Wyer 97
2 213/512 GREEK FLUTTER 28 (G,S) (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-5 D Byrne
3 4-03382 MILS MIJ 14 (F,G,S) (J Hurst) J Hurst 8-11-5 T Reed 71
4 4112-11 PINK GIN 49 (CD,F,G,S) (B Kennedy) M Hammond 6-11-5 C Grant 72
5 0180-06 SHUIL SAOR 8 (F) (Wild Acres Holdings Ltd) Mrs S Smith 6-11-5 A Orkney —
6 34/534 STRONG FANCY 8 (B,G) (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) S Kettlewell 10-11 5 B Storey 62

BETTING: 5-4 Dawson City, 6-4 Greek Flutter, 10-1 Pink Gin, 16-1 Strong Fancy, 20-1 Mils Mij, Shuil Saor.

1992: GALE AGAIN 5-10-8 C Grant (7-2) W A Stephenson 6 ran

2.45 BITTERN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,950: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 F13/344 YOUNG BENZ 7 (S) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 9-11-10 L Wyer
2 831110 LOGAMIMO 14 (D,F,G,S) (J Hellens) J Hellens 7-11-5 A Lamach (5) 89
3 05-1642 OLD APPLEJACK 28 (CD,F,G,S) (G Tobitt) J Johnson 13-11-3 A Orkney 87
4 2-14116 SACRE D'OR 35 (D,BF,G,S) (S Adams) J Mackie 8-11-1 C Hawkins 92
5 4-20844 ARMAGRET 38 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Wilkinson) B Wilkinson 8-10-7 C Grant 92
6 4-P2F1U DUBIOUS JAKE 31 (D,BF,F,S) (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 10-10-0 S Turner 92

BETTING: 2-1 Sacre D'Or, 3-1 Logamimo, 7-2 Young Benz, 6-1 Old Applejack, 10-1 Armagret, Dubious Jake

1992: OLD APPLEJACK 12-10-13 A Orkney (15-2) J Johnson 5 ran

3.15 HERON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,604: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 /F0-113 PHILS PRIDE 19 (D,G,S) (A Bayman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-12-0 D Byrne 88
2 16-5525 KANNDABIL 14 (B,BF,G,S) (N McAndrews) N Tinkler 6-10-5 C Grant 94
3 20-P415 MILITARY HONOUR 28 (B,D,G,S) (J Swiers) J Swiers 8-10-0 L Wyer
4 5221/34 HUTNER 14 (G) (M Dods) M Dods 8-10-0 A Merrigan 88
5 000/0F0- SCARLET EMBER 382 (R Brewis) R Brewis 7-10-0 C Brownless —
6 250/U60 STAGSHAW BELLE 14 (Mrs J Staker) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-0 Mr J Bradburne 75
7 F5-50U6 DINSDALE LAD 65 (Armstrong/Greenwell) M Barnes 7-10-0 B Storey 78
8 50-4P46 CANTGETOUT 28 (D Bushell) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 A Orkney 75

Long handicap: Military Honour 9-10, Hutner 9-8, Scarlet Ember 9-3, Stagshaw Belle 9-3, Dinsdale Lad 9-3, Cantgetout 9-3.

BETTING: 2-1 Phils Pride, 3-1 Hutner, 7-2 Military Honour, 5-1 Kanndabil, 20-1 others.

1992: GOSPEL ROCK 8-11-5 T Reed (100-30) P Calver 6 ran

3.45 MALLARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,490: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1 324P/F6 JUDGES FANCY 63 (CD,G,S) (J de C Scott) C Trietline 9-11-13 D Bridgwater —
2 218-205 BOLLIN PATRICK 56 (D,F,S) (Sir Neil Westbrook) M H Easterby 8-11-9 L Wyer
3 PP-2122 ORIEL DREAM 31 (D,G,S) (S Marsh) R Fisher 6-10-13 C Grant 97
4 00-3610 SEXY MOVER 68 (D,G,S) (A Crook) W Storey 6-10-0 K Doolan 90
5 416225 BURN BRIDGE 77 (D,F,S) (Gill & Punter/Elec Ltd) M Hammond 7 10-0 J Callaghan 87
6 6F-20U1 GRIS ET VIOLET 39 (F,G,S) (C Longstaff) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-0 G Tormey (7) 86
7 32/4P3/ BATTLE STING 600 (F) (Mrs S Ward) Mrs S Ward 9-10-0 D Bentley (5) —
8 862/44-P UPWELL 39 (D,F) (R Johnson) R Johnson 9-10-0 K Johnson —
9 /PU3-P CARAT STICK 71 (C,S) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 13-10-0 B Storey —

Long handicap: Sexy Mover 9-6, Burn Bridge 9-4, Gris Et Violet 9-2, Battle Sting 8-9, Upwell 8-2, Carat Stick 7-12.

BETTING: 9-4 Oriel Dream, 3-1 Bollin Patrick, 9-2 Sexy Mover, 5-1 Gris Et Violet, 8-1 Judges Fancy, 14-1 Burn Bridge, 16-1 others.

1992: BONANZA 5-11-3 R Hodge (10-11) Mrs M Reveley 2 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Camacho	4	10	40.0	N Bentley	6	18	33.3
M H Easterby	19	76	25.0	D Byrne	11	41	26.8
J Johnson	16	73	21.9	C Grant	37	142	26.1
G Moore	15	70	21.4	L Wyer	13	70	18.6
N Tinkler	8	39	20.5	K Johnson	8	44	18.2
R Brewis	3	15	20.0	T Reed	16	111	14.4

LINGFIELD PARK

MANDARIN
1.20 Respectable Jones. 1.50 Friendly Smile. 2.20 Reflecting. 2.50 Rapporteur. 3.20 Miss Gorgeous. 3.50 First Fling.

THUNDERER
1.20 Mac's Fighter. 1.50 Special Risk. 2.20 El Volador. 2.50 Mulciber. 3.20 Erliking. 3.50 Safety.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW TO MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST

1.20 ANTRIM CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,477: 6f) (6 runners)

1 032- CRECHE 25 (B,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-2 N Day 5
2 11-1 RESPECTABLE JONES 9 (CD,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-8-13 J Williams 6
3 02-3 TINO TERE 8 (F,G) J Berry 4-8-11 P Roberts (7) 4
4 12-6 APPLEDORN 8 (D,BF,G) B McMahon 6-8-8 M Hills 3
5 083- MAC'S FIGHTER 232 (CD,F,G) R O'Sullivan 8-8-8 D Biggs 2
6 000- MAID WELCOME 45 (V,F) Mrs N Macauley 6-8-5 Madeleine Smith (7) 1

6-4 Respectable Jones, 9-4 Creche, 5-1 Appledorn, 11-2 Tino Tere, 6-1 Mac's Fighter, 16-1 Maid Welcome.

1.50 ALPINE DOUBLE GLAZING MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,208: 7f) (6)

1 BOLD STREET A Bailey 9-0 J Quinn 3
2 300- GENERAL LINK 30 P Kelleway 9-0 W Woods 6
3 SPANISH REFUGE Lord Huntingdon 9-0 M Hills 5
4 4-32 SPECIAL RISK 8 (BF) M Bell 9-0 J D'Dwyer (7) 1
5 THATCHED C Wall 9-0 S Webster 2
6 03-5 FRIENDLY SMILE 15 G Eden 8-9 C Dwyer 4

7-4 Special Risk, 5-2 Spanish Refuge, 4-1 Friendly Smile, 5-1 Thatched, 8-1 General Link, 12-1 Bold Street.

2.20 DAILY STAR CHALLENGE HANDICAP
(Qualifier: £2,733: 1m 4f) (7)

1 111- EL VOLADOR 16 (CD,F) R O'Sullivan 6-10-0 B Russell (7) 3
2 04-1 REFLECTING 9 (C) J Gosden 4-8-9 M Hills 6
3 13-3 TAUNTING 7 (C) M Blanshard 5-8-10 S McCarthy (7) 2
4 400- EL DOMINIO 28 (CD,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-8 G Bardwell 7
5 100- MR WISHING WELL 28 (E,CD,S) S Dow 7-8-8 A McGlone 5
6 002- NOTHING DOING 74 W Musson 4-7-10 Dale Gibson 1
7 30-6 LUKS AKURA 12 (V,D,F) M Johnston 5-7-7 M Baird (7) 4

6-4 El Volador, 7-4 Reflecting, 5-1 Taunting, 8-1 Mr Wishing Well, 10-1 El Dominio, 12-1 Luks Akura, 14-1 Nothing Doing.

2.50 FERMANAGH HANDICAP (£3,949: 1m 2f) (8)

1 00-1 RAPPORTEUR 14 (CD,F,G) C C Elsey 7-10-0 J Williams 6
2 12-2 AWESOME POWER 14 (CD,BF,S) J Hills 7-9-8 M Hills 2
3 200- FEN DANCE 48 (G) P Makin 4-9-7 S Dawson 8
4 03-6 BELMOREDEAN 14 (CD,F,G) R O'Sullivan 8-8-3 D Biggs 5
5 458- AREMEF 78 (G) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-2 J Quinn 1
6 121- MULCIBER 16 (CD,F) G Harwood 5-9-1 W Woods 4
7 00-5 MODESTO 9 (CD,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-5 G Bardwell 7
8 545- LYN'S RETURN 81 (F,G) R Simpson 4-7-11 A Tucker (3) 3

5-2 Mulciber, 7-2 Awesome Power, Rapporteur, 8-1 Belmoredean, 10-1 Aremef, Lyn's Return, Modesto, 14-1 Fen Dance.

3.20 ARMAGH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,820: 7f) (5)

1 212- ERLKING 30 (G) Lord Huntingdon 9-7 M Hills 5
2 14-1 MISS GORGEOUS 8 (D) W O'Gorman 9-0 Emma O'Gorman (3) 3
3 000- EXPRESS MARIECURIE 25 (V,G) Mrs N Macauley 8-11 N Day 1
4 104- STARDUST EXPRESS 72 (C,BF) M Johnston 8-5 T Williams 2
5 250- MEDLAND 38 A Denson 8-2 J Quinn 4

6-4 Miss Gorgeous, 9-4 Erlking, 3-1 Express Mariecurie, 6-1 Medland, 8-1 Stardust Express.

3.50 LONDONDERRY HANDICAP
(£2,656: 2m) (10)

1 214- MIZYAN 58 J J Banks 5-10-0 N Day 5
2 40-6 COLERIDGE 7 (B,F,G) D Shaw 5-8-10 K Rutter (5) 8
3 644- CLAIR SOLEIL 73 J A Moore 4-8-12 Candy Morris 4
4 801- SAFETY 11 (B,CD,F) J White 6-8-9 Dale Gibson 10
5 43-3 FIRST FLING 14 (V) J Scargill 4-8-5 J Quinn 3
6 003- KENYATTA 25 A Moore 4-8-0 B Russell (7) 2
7 05-0 LAJADHAL 14 J Bessell 4-7-11 B Doyle (5) 1
8 6/0- CLOS DU BOIS 19 Mrs N Macauley 7-7-10 D Biggs 6
9 606- KOVALEVSKIA 3 (C,F,G,S) D Wilson 8-7-7 T Williams 7
10 004- BURRACOPPIN 28 Mrs B Waring 6-7-7 G Bardwell 9

3-1 Safety, 7-2 Mizyan, 4-1 First Fling, 5-1 Kenyatta, 6-1 Clair Soleil, 8-1 Kovalevskia, 10-1 Coleridge, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Hollinshead, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; J Berry, 10 from 29, 34.5%; Lord Huntingdon, 7 from 25, 28.0%; Mrs J Cecil, 3 from 11, 27.3%; J Gosden, 7 from 29, 24.1%; W A O'Gorman, 28 from 122, 23.0%.

JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 27 winners from 112 rides, 24.1%; N Day, 15 from 81, 18.5%; M Hills, 22 from 138, 15.9%; K Rutter, 5 from 32, 15.6%; J Williams, 42 from 298, 14.1%; B Doyle, 11 from 82, 13.4%.

☐ Martin Pipe's exciting New Zealand import Lord Relic, an impressive winner of the Challow Hurdle at Newbury earlier this month, will reappear at Doncaster in the River Don Novices' Hurdle on January 30.

Blitzkreig in repeat bid

J P McMANUS and his trainer Eddie O'Grady are looking for a big run from their bold-jumping grey Blitzkreig at Ascot today as he attempts to repeat his 1991 success in the Victor Chandler Handicap Chase (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

He was trying to give away almost two stone when second to the smart novice Saraemma at the Leopardstown Christmas meeting.

The same owner and trainer are bringing Mark Dwyer over to Navan tomorrow to ride Time For A Run and this superior double bumper winner can stake a claim to Cheltenham consideration.

At Leopardstown last time out, Morceli was heavily backed against Big Matt — among the bets was a single wager of Ir£80,000 — but the gamble came unstuck when he fell just before halfway. He can however live up to Mick O'Toole's high opinion in the Navan Hurdle.

Bucks-Choice, trained by Paddy Mullins, improved his jumping considerably to upset the odds-on Bayrouge at Naas and has an easy task in the Blackhills Hurdle at Punchestown today.

MARKET RASEN

MANDARIN
1.00 Urizen. 1.30 Master Of The Rock. 2.05 Bonanza. 2.35 Boogie Bopper. 3.05 Clyde Ranger. 3.35 Yaheeb. 4.05 Ima Delight.

THUNDERER
1.00 Obie's Train. 1.30 Master Of The Rock. 2.05 Bonanza. 2.35 Major's Law. 3.05 Duncan Idaho. 3.35 Mega Blue. 4.05 Ima Delight.

GOING: SOFT (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES) — SIS

1.00 SPALDING AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES CHASE (£2,605: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

1 B14F INTO THE TREES 8 (C,F,S) R Tate 9-11-12 Mrs F Needham (7)
2 5211 OBIE'S TRAIN 15 (G,S) M Pipe 7-11-12 A Thornton (5)
3 P0SU CARSWELL'S CHOICE 31 (F) J Honeyball 10-11-4 Miss T Honeyball (7)
4 -333 DUNDROMA 29 (BF,G) R Champion 7-11-4 G Johnson Houghton (5)
5 22-3 URIZEN 28 (G,S) J Edwards 8-11-4 A Farrant (5)
6 63F3 JIMS LASS 67 C Pinney 11-10-13 A Pickering (7)
7 PP3P TAMMY MY GIRL 36 P Beaumont 10-10-13 Mrs A Farrell (3)

6-4 Obie's Train, 7-4 Urizen, 7-1 Dundroma, 8-1 Into The Trees, 16-1 others.

1.30 BOSTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,995: 2m 1f 110yd) (20)

1 U823 ELEGANT FRIEND 10 M Tompkins 5-11-10 S Smith Eccles
2 5421 MASTER OF THE ROCK 31 (D,S) Mrs P Barker 4-11-9 P A Farrell
3 326 DARA MELODY 51 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-8 P Harley
4 2432 LOXLEY RANGE 39 (V) D Brennan 5-11-7 M Brennan
5 4-06 FOTOEXPRESS 10 R Rowe 5-11-5 L Dace (7)
6 403- BENGAL TIGER 153F P Evans 5-11-4 T Wall
7 12PP AND ME 10 (V,S) D Thom 4-11-2 A Carroll
8 FP1- COMMANCHE SIOUX 161F (S) K Morgan 5-11-2 A S Smith
9 P0P NORTHERN RAINBOW 51 I Campbell 5-11-1 R Campbell
10 -0P0 RUN MILADY 19 (B) Mrs S Austin 5-11-0 D Wilkinson
11 F000 VAIGLY MASON 46 M H Easterby 4-10-11 R Garritty
12 P480 TOUCH 'N' PASS 3 R O'Leary 5-10-8 K Davies (7)
13 -3P0 TRENTSIDE MIST 29 C Smith 5-10-7 M Ranger
14 P-0P APPLIED GRAPHICS 29 J Mackie 5-10-6 T Eley (5)
15 FP0 FRAGONARD 43 J J O'Neill 4-10-6 James Jones (3)
16 F08 CREPT OUT 10 J Harris 4-10-1 Mr A Walton
17 00P PARISIENNE KING 10 (B) R Marvin 4-10-0 W Worthington
18 P0-P NORMEAD LASS 36 Miss P Hall 5-10-0 R Supple
19 8P-5 NEEDWOOD POPPY 63 B Morgan 5-10-0 L Harvey
20 0P0P LA PEREET 56 (B,CD,F) B Richmond 5-10-0 R Hodge

4-1 Master Of The Rock, 5-1 Loxley Range, 6-1 Dara Melody, 7-1 Run Milady, 8-1 Bengal Tiger, 10-1 Commanche Sioux, Elegant Friend, 14-1 others.

2.05 STAMFORD HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,471: 2m 6f 110yd) (6)

1 -11F BONANZA 57 (BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-10 J Codd (7)
2 2-53 YORKSHIREMAN 53 (BF,F,G,S) J Glover 8-11-2 M Ahern
3 BR0- KNOX'S CORNER 236 (G,S) R Curtis 8-10-9 D Morris
4 0-5U MOZE TIDY 15 (G) R Rowe 6-10-8 G Rowe
5 6043 WHY SO HASTY 28 (F,S) M Chapman 12-10-6 W Worthington
6 -433 DECENT MAN 29 (C,S) P Beaumont 10-10-5 P A Farrell

7-4 Bonanza, 7-2 Decent Man, 4-1 Yorkshireman, 6-1 Why So Hasty, 10-1 Moze Tidy, 12-1 Knox's Corner.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Evans, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50.0%; S Kettlewell, 3 from 7, 42.9%; M Pipe, 19 from 48, 39.6%; M H Easterby, 21 from 63, 33.3%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 29 from 102, 28.4%; I Campbell, 4 from 17, 23.5%.

JOCKEYS: M Foster, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; S Smith Eccles, 11 from 28, 39.3%; C Maude, 3 from 9, 33.3%; Mrs A Farrell, 5 from 16, 31.3%; R Hodge, 4 from 16, 25.0%; W Dwan, 5 from 21, 23.8%.

2.35 GRIMSBY NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £2,303: 2m 1f 110yd) (12)

1 6410 LIABILITY ORDER 19 (S) M Hammond 11-4 S Smith Eccles
2 05 ANOTHER VINTAGE 14F P Condell 10-12 L Harvey
3 12 BOOGIE BOPPER 32 (BF,S) M Pipe 10-12 M Foster
4 600 IMAN 37 R O'Leary 10-12 R Garritty
5 35 MAJOR'S LAW 19 I Campbell 10-12 R Campbell
6 NASHOON 175F T Kersey 10-12 Susan Kersey
7 226 SWEET NOBLE 37 Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-12 W Dwan (5)
8 06 TREVVEETHAN 19 Mrs S Austin 10-12 D Wilkinson
9 3 ALDINGTON PEACH 50 P Evans 10-7 T Wall
10 0 APRIL SHADOW 28 Mrs P Sly 10-7 A Carroll
11 GRACEFUL VULCAN K Morgan 10-7 A S Smith
12 P MISS CRESTA 40 D Wellicome 10-7 D Tegg

5-2 Boogie Bopper, 3-1 Major's Law, 5-1 Liability Order, 6-1 Sweet Noble, 8-1 Trevveethan, 10-1 Another Vintage, 16-1 Iman, 20-1 others.

3.05 RACING POST/TOTE TTF HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,616: 3m) (10)

1 23/4 MIDLAND GLENN 19 (F,G,S) J Eyre 9-11-13 A Mulholland
2 2222 PASSED PAWN 12 (F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-12 D Richmond (5)
3 -423 VITAL WITNESS 15 (S) K Morgan 6-10-10 A S Smith
4 -200 LARKADIO 1F (C,F) M Chapman 6-10-10 Mr M Chapman (7)
5 0044 DUNCAN IDAHO 15 (D,G,S) R Callow 10-10-9 C Maude
6 -113 CLYDE RANGER 19 (D,S) M Hammond 6-10-7 S Lyons (5)
7 0-5P VOLCANIC DANCER 7 (D,F,S) J Mackie 7-10-6 D Tegg
8 1222 GLEBELANDS GIRL 15 (G,S) R Rowe 6-10-5 L Dace (7)
9 22-5 LEVEN BABY 30 (C,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-4 R Hodge
10 P-12 SCARLET EXPRESS 10 (G,S) B Richmond 6-10-1 W Worthington

4-1 Clyde Ranger, 5-1 Leven Baby, Vital Witness, 6-1 Midland Glenn, 7-1 Passed Pawn, 8-1 Glebelands Girl, Duncan Idaho, 10-1 Scarlet Express, 14-1 others.

3.35 ERIC AND LUCY PAPWORTH HANDICAP CHASE (£3,296: 2m 1f 110yd) (10)

1 F325 ANTINOUS 4 (C,F,G,S) M H Easterby 9-11-10 R Garritty
2 3114 MEGA BLUE 8 (CD,BF,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 8-11-2 C Woodall (7)
3 0-U1 ANY GOSSIP 155 (G) J J O'Neill 10-11-1 James Jones (3)
4 /03- HAPPY BREED 387 (CD,G,S) D Brennan 10-10-9 M Brennan
5 3183 KIND'A SMART 15 (F,G,S) K Morgan 8-10-8 A S Smith
6 2/13 YAHEEB 30 (G,S) M W Easterby 9-10-5 R Supple
7 3PP0 DRY GIN 29 (F,S) M Chapman 10-10-0 Mr M Chapman (7)
8 6-1F TROJAN CALL 75 (G) R Rowe 6-10-0 G Rowe
9 -124 SECRET SUMMIT 36 (V,F,S) A Forbes 7-10-0 T Eley (5)
10 0025 RUPPLES 5F (CD,F) M Chapman 6-10-0 W Worthington

3-1 Mega Blue, 7-2 Kind'A Smart, 5-1 Any Gossip, 6-1 Yaheeb, 7-1 Antinous, 8-1 Trojan Call, 10-1 Secret Summit, 14-1 others.

4.05 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,197: 2m 5f 110yd) (10)

1 4-21 IMA DELIGHT 40 (S) Mrs P Sly 6-11-10 A Carroll
2 F434 THIS NETTLE DANGER 19 D Brennan 9-11-0 M Brennan
3 P-51 EASBY HOPES 64 (D,G) S Kettlewell 7-10-12 R Garritty
4 13 MISS HYDE 60 (G) J Glover 4-10-9 M Ahern
5 P/0- SWAGMAN 8F B Richmond 8-10-7 W Worthington
6 000- VALATCH 245F J Harris 5-10-4 J A Harris
7 5333 EASTERN PLEASURE 45 (BF) M Hammond 6-10-2 S Lyons (5)
8 400 MISTIC GLEN 19 J Parkes 4-10-1 F Leahy (7)
9 6040 MURPHAIDEEZ 19 R Earnshaw 6-10-0 R Hodge
10 PP-0 THE DIFFERENCE 28 C Smith 6-10-0 M Ranger

5-2 Ima Delight, 7-2 Easby Hopes, 4-1 Miss Hyde, 5-1 This Nettle Danger, 10-1 Eastern Pleasure, 12-1 Mistic Glen, 14-1 others.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Carlisle, Fontwell Park, Southwell (all-weather).
TUESDAY: Folkestone, Lingfield Park (all-weather).
WEDNESDAY: Windsor, Ludlow, Southwell (all-weather).
THURSDAY: Ayr, Lingfield Park (all-weather), Taunton.
FRIDAY: Kempton Park, Catterick, Southwell (all-weather).
SATURDAY: Kempton Park, Haydock Park, Catterick Bridge, Warwick, Lingfield Park (all-weather).
(Flat meetings in bold)

Trump plays the joker

TRUMP sprang a 25-1 surprise in the Whitewater Novices' Handicap Hurdle at Edinburgh yesterday, edging out Glemot by half a length after a determined duel on the run-in.

Those who backed Colin Parker's runner on the Tote were rewarded with a £239.70 win dividend.

Trump's timing was impeccable as defeat would almost certainly have meant a trip to the spring sales. "He's been desperately disappointing and today was his last chance," agreed Parker and Ray Green, husband of Trump's owner, Anita Green.

"We thought he would make a cracking juvenile hurdler but he's never really taken to the game," Green added.

Trump's rider, Brian Storey, initiated a double on The Yank, who gained his third course win with an all-the-way success in the Hopewater Novices' Claiming Chase.

"He's done his job but all he does is jump and stay," said trainer Micky Hammond.

Mary Reveley registered her third successive 50 over jumps when Pandessa landed the Fasery Conditional Jockeys' Claiming Hurdle.

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Saturday portrait: Will Carling, by Simon Barnes

Rugby's captain marvel a smooth operator with the sharp finish

Too smooth by three-quarters. That's Will Carling. How does he manage it? The face is just slightly too rugged to be obnoxiously handsome; the voice just slightly too demotic to be obnoxiously public school; the charm just slightly too genuine to be obnoxiously synthetic. The final effect — a tough, sympathetic fellow — is achieved by a hair, but it is achieved all right.

The England rugby captain gets surreptitiously pointed out (as the sort of person likely to appeal to tough career ladies) when having a drink in the Groucho Club, of all places. And there he was on television the other day, staying up till gone midnight to chat effortlessly to Des. As usual. "We're not even thinking about a third grand slam," he lied. "All the players are thinking about is the game against the French on Saturday."

He does these things awfully well: easy, articulate and bland. He presents this tough and intelligent persona, but with reasonable lightness of touch. There is just the right amount of boyishness about him. He never even threatens to come over as the ignorant monomaniac of sporting cliché.

The smoothie subaltern — he was in the army until he bought himself out for £8,000 five years ago — has become the smoothie media darling: Captain Marvel. Captain Sensible. *GQ* magazine even called him Captain Beefheart. But Carling carries on talking each game as it comes, always presentably smart-casual, (and not just in style of dress), allowing just the right amount of designer stubble to decorate the now-famous cloven chin.

But one cannot criticise Carling for being good at public relations. Agreeable, easy-natured, non-prickly athletes should be cherished. Occasionally, true, one yearns for a little more meat in Carling's public pronouncements, but in all public relations, victory matters more than style. Carling astutely kicks for touch rather than run with a dangerous question. Who can blame him?

He knows what public relations are about. "The bourgeois prefers comfort to pleasure, convenience to liberty and a pleasant temperature to the deathly inner-consuming fire." This line is from Hermann Hesse; it might be used as an epigraph to any athlete's guide to media relations. Don't flaunt the inner fire. People don't like it.

But the inner-consuming fire is part of all high-class competitors, in any sport from snooker to American football. Some make great parade of this, others do not. David Gower, a deeply self-conscious man, has hidden his inner fire so successfully that people don't believe he possesses it.

Carling has the fire, too, but seldom shows it. He has a little of Gower's self-consciousness, even if he is not so acute a case. But the Carling fire is easy to see on the pitch. He completed last year's international season with a fine centre's try for England: up like a rocket and down like a stick. A perfectionist might have felt that he knocked over the Welshman and caught the ball in the wrong order, but this unnecessary roughness (to borrow a term from American football) was never going to lose him English friends in a match against Wales.

There are a few people in rugby who will gloat over an English defeat, especially if it involves the fall of Carling ... he attracts the green-eyed monster

Carling's fire is most obvious in defence. There is something wonderfully demented about his tackling and covering, all 5ft 11in and 14st 2lb of him. But the most important aspect of Carling's ability is supposed to be his leadership.

Geoff Cooke, the England manager, has said that his single shrewdest move was to make Carling captain in 1988. Carling was still in his smoothie subaltern period at the time, a boy of 22.

The move gave Cooke Carling's massive and unswerving loyalty. The two have forged what some have called "an unholy alliance". Cooke's influence on Carling has been so immense that it must have seemed as if Cooke was not only directing things from the sideline, but was also appearing on the field in the body of one of his players.

Carling has expanded to fill the role allotted to him, while remaining emphatically Cooke's man. He has shouldered a massive weight of public appearances as the game has raised its profile as never before. Carling became the public face of English rugby: of *successful* English rugby. And so, after the 1991 rugby union World Cup, it was Carling, and not Cooke, who got the OBE.

Carling has specialised in captaincy: his public profile is bound up with leadership. "I can't see a time when I would be a mere player by choice," he said when the England squad was doing its warm-weather training in Lanzarote. "If the captaincy were taken from me, that would be accepted. But I enjoy leadership, and I see no point in giving it up."

There was a classic failure of leadership in that famous defeat against Scotland in 1990, the grand-slam decider. From the stands, it seemed that Carling's decision to kick a penalty was rejected by the forwards: "The boys want to go for it." The full back, who had trotted up to take the kick, was trotted back again. The forwards became a human battering ram, went for the try, and got nothing. Within two minutes they had blown the opportunity, disrupted team morale and lost the grand slam. The boys went for it.

Ironically, this may have strengthened Carling's position. Certainly, he has become a tougher character since and England have won their successive grand slams. Carling has surfed on a wave of monumental success. The game's spectacular rise in popularity, the World Cup and the unbroken string of English victories have all put rugby in a unique position. Carling is now one of England's handful of main sporting celebs: Linford, Gazza, Gary, Nigel — and Will.

Carling must now brace himself for the backlash. It always comes. What he has been praised for, he will soon be blamed for — especially if England don't win the grand slam. And they may very well not. England are *expected* to win it: people have forgotten how difficult it is to pull it off. Defeat is a perfectly possible scenario, and it will seem to the public like a disaster.

There are a few people in rugby who will gloat over an English defeat, especially if it involves the fall of Carling. He attracts the green-eyed monster in many. For a start, he has made a lot of money from rugby. He runs a company. Insights, that gives talks to business people on things like motivation. No doubt his psychology degree and his army background are useful assets — but not half as useful as being England rugby captain. This seems to me astute and sensible exploitation of his personal achievments. Rugby diehards see it as a sin against the Holy Ghost.

"I am a shy person," Carling says. "I don't like people to think I am pushing myself forward all the time." Well, yes and no. Carling once posed stripped to the waist for a magazine. "I know now it was a big mistake," he admits.

But Carling's life has been frighteningly short on mistakes. When times change — and times change faster in sport than in any other walk of life — we will learn more about Carling, and so will Carling.

So far, everything he has touched has turned to gold, barring that 1990 misfortune at Murrayfield and even that was eventually turned to good account. Defeat in the final of the World Cup had the savour of gallant near-triumph, rather than overriding failure.

Carling has remained an equable and easy-going man. It is a pleasure to meet him: he is a genuine and agreeable person, even when the cameras are not about. He moves into a season in which success is expected. With the game's greater following, infinitely greater recriminations will greet failure. This is something no rugby player has experienced. If failure comes, Carling will feel something for cricket captains like Gower and Gatting; for England football managers like Robson and Taylor.

So, here is a thought for Carling as the five nations' championship begins and a British Lions tour looms. It comes via Richie Benaud, talking on cricket captaincy. Take all the credit you can for victory, in the sure and certain knowledge that you be given all the blame in defeat.

Stuart Jones, football correspondent, on the statistics which reveal that skill is being sacrificed for speed and stamina

Denmark's triumph a striking example of efficiency

Schmeichel: the most secure goalkeeper in the finals

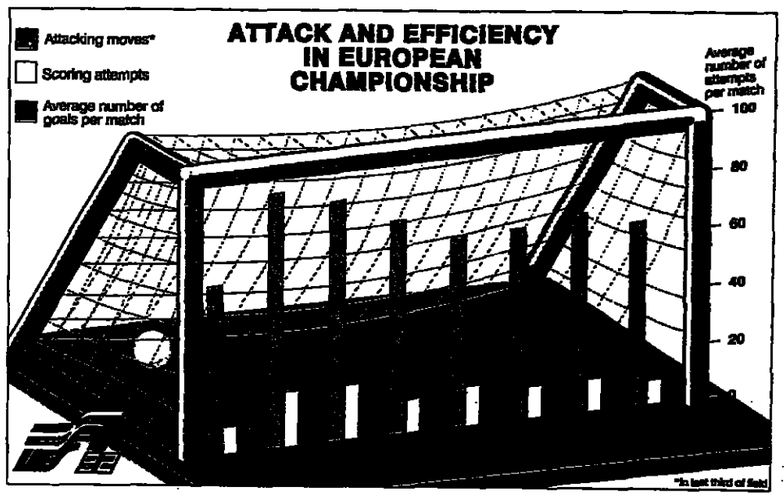
DENMARK won the European championship in June despite averaging the fewest number of attacks per game in the finals, according to a statistical study published by Uefa, European football's governing body.

The same study suggests that international football is following the same trend as the Premier League. The pace of the continental game is quickening as fast as the domestic version and, in both cases, not necessarily for the better.

The report concludes that players will need to develop the speed of sprinters and the stamina of long-distance runners to be able to keep up with the ever-increasing tempo. The prospect conjures up visions of hordes of headless chickens scuttling around a farmyard.

Unsympathetic observers might suggest that England offered a passable impression of the brainless birds in Sweden. The argument tends to be supported by the figures produced by Pekka Luhtanen, a Finnish member of Uefa's committee for technical development. Graham Taylor's confused and disorganised side, he reports, was officially the most inefficient in the tournament.

Although England mounted more attacks than the Scots, who earned widespread praise for their adventurous spirit, they fashioned fewer openings and scored only once. Even the Commonwealth of Independent States, who finished last and also scored a solitary goal, were more precise.



No nation was more economical than the eventual champions. Denmark, invited to take the place of Yugoslavia barely a week before the tournament began, completed a fairy story with a carefully considered strategy based more on collective industry than on individual ability.

Employing a sweeper, they flooded midfield and operated with two forwards who were prepared to defend in the opposition's half. "Denmark gained the advantage by bringing an extra man into midfield," Uefa's report assesses, "and by playing aggressively. Their opponents did not have time or space to make decisions on the ball. The Danish strikers began pressurising their opponents before they had reached the halfway line."

Luhtanen also notes that, per game throughout the tournament, Denmark averaged the least number of attacking moves in the last third of the field. When they reached the danger zone, however, the Danes were the most efficient, scoring from 12 per cent of the chances they created. Sweden, semi-finalists, were next best with 11.1 per cent.

The pressing game, as the self-explanatory tactic is known, once benefited English clubs in European competition. Most foreign teams have since adopted the ploy, and nobody is more adept at suppressing the opposition than AC Milan, now unbeatable in Italy and the overwhelming favourites to win the European Cup this season.

The Danes perfected the system six months ago. They won more tackles and intercepted more often than the other seven finalists. Their willingness to work for each other was demonstrated most graphically in their semi-final against Holland, when Sivebaek, an injured full back, played as a limping centre forward and Povlsen dropped back into the sweeper's role.

Sivebaek was one of three members of the team who had gained experience of the pressing game in England. He was once at Manchester United, Schmeichel's employers, while Nielsen played under Taylor at Aston Villa. Since the summer, Jensen has joined Arsenal and Piechnik has moved to Liverpool.

As indicated by recent transfers in the Premier League, no longer are the best goalkeepers necessarily English. Statistically, the most secure during the European championship were Schmeichel, whose save from van Basten in the penalty shoot-out took Denmark into the final, and Kharin, of the CIS and now of Chelsea.

According to Uefa's study, either the standard of goalkeeping has improved or the shooting is less accurate. On average, more than 14 chances had to be created in Sweden before a goal was scored. In Germany four years earlier, only 11 were required.

The comparative figures suggest that forwards are being given less time, like the rest of their colleagues, in which to correct their sights. It can be no coincidence that goalscoring moves are being conducted at a higher speed, albeit by a fractional margin, than even two years ago.

During the last World Cup in Italy, it took on average 12 seconds for an attack to be concluded successfully. One second was shaved off that time in Sweden, principally because a remarkably high proportion of goals (38 per cent) were scored as a direct result of set-pieces. The average actual playing time per match was a mere 57 minutes.

"We can expect the tempo of the game to remain at its current level or even to increase," the study concluded. "Players will require even greater skills and speed. Speed of thought in taking chances will also be important and teamwork will become an even more vital factor.

"From the physical point of view, higher speed and endurance levels will be required. Players who are creative, intelligent and aggressive will be essential components of all teams. Positive leadership will be a 'must' on the part of team managers."

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Scotland and Ireland begin rebuilding process

Hastings views title as much more than a two-way fight

BY GERALD DAVIES

LEST those of metropolitan sensibilities should start to swagger and flatter themselves too prematurely, Gavin Hastings, who leads Scotland against Ireland this afternoon, affirmed that the events at Murrayfield should not be thought of as merely any other business to the main item on Twickenham's agenda.

"It is much too soon," he said yesterday, "to say that the result between England and France will determine the winners of the five nations' championship.

"The tournament is unique and whatever reputations there are before Christmas does not really determine anything. It is from now on that matters."

He is nonetheless aware that a seemingly irreconcilable division of class has emerged. The five nations' championship is riven with the haves and have-nots of European rugby: the haves are at Twickenham, the have-nots are here in Edinburgh while the third of this latter class, Wales, sit it out.

There is much that both Scotland and Ireland need to prove to others as much as to themselves.

Both teams enter the game with reconstructed teams drawn from a narrow base of available players. So much so that Scotland, in their original selection, included three players whose Scottish qualifications depended on a long ancestral search and a trawl of clubs south of the border.

Ireland are in a similar quandary. Although they have introduced three new caps, their team has undergone a dramatic transformation since the World Cup. In that time, twelve players have fallen by the wayside. Ciaran Fitzgerald, the coach, has also been replaced by Gerry Murphy, who is in his first season at this level.

In contrast, Ian McGeechan, his opposite number, has been around since 1985 yet, today, finds himself in not too dissimilar circumstances. He has to build a team again. "My approach has to be different to what it has been in recent years," he said. "Without the hard core of mature players, the experience before a game is not the same. Young players need to establish themselves gradually as international players."

They will embark on their quest at a Murrayfield that has also evolved out of all recognition. Gone are the open ends at the north and south, to be replaced by splendid new stands. Only the old west stand remains, which gives the ground a capacity of 55,000 seated spectators.

The game this afternoon traditionally serves up a good quality of running rugby that has been highly entertaining in the past. The last two five nations' matches here have produced 121 points and, in the last five encounters between them, 26 tries.

However, Ireland's priority is to halt a sequence of failures that has not seen them win in the last five contests.

Scotland			Ireland	
A G Hastings* (Watsonians)	15	Full back	C R Wilkinson (Malone)	15
A G Stanger (Hawick)	14	Right wing	S P Geoghegan (London Irish)	14
S Hastings (Watsonians)	13	Right centre	V J G Cunningham (St Mary's College)	13
A G Shiel (Melrose)	12	Left centre	P P A Danaher (Garryowen)	12
D A Stark (Boroughmur)	11	Left wing	R M Wallace (Garryowen)	11
C M Chalmers (Melrose)	10	Stand-off	N G Malone (Oxford University)	10
G Armstrong (Jed-Forest)	9	Scrum half	M T Bradley* (Cork Constitution)	9
A G J Watt (Glasgow HK)	1	Prop	N J Popplewell (Greystones)	1
K S Milne (Heriot's FP)	2	Hooker	S J Smith (Ballymena)	2
A P Burnell (London Scottish)	3	Prop	P McCarthy (Cork Constitution)	3
D J Turnbull (Hawick)	6	Flanker	P J Lawlor (Bective Rangers)	6
A I Reed (Bath)	4	Lock	P S Johns (Dungannon)	4
D F Cronin (London Scottish)	5	Lock	R A Costello (Garryowen)	5
I R Morrison (London Scottish)	7	Flanker	W D McBride (Malone)	7
G W Weir (Melrose)	8	No. 8	N P Mannion (Lansdowne)	8

*Captain *Captain

Referee: E F Morrison (England)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 K M Logan (Stirling County), 17 I C Jardine (Stirling County), 18 A D Nicol (Dundee HSFP), 19 S J Reid (Boroughmuir), 20 P H Wright (Boroughmur), 21 I Corcoran (Gala)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 B T Glennon (Lansdowne), 17 P Russell (Instonians), 18 R Saunders (London Irish), 19 N P J Francis (Blackrock College), 20 A P Millar (Ballymena), 21 T J Kingston (Dolphin)

England gain sweet revenge

England Students 20
French Students 9

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IN 1992 France were kings of student rugby. They enjoyed two victories over England, including one in the quarter-final of the Student World Cup last summer, so yesterday's victory by two goals and two penalty goals to three penalties at windswept Cambridge was sweet indeed for England. It was not the most convincing of victories though.

England lost the lineout battle and were under some pressure in the scrums but were shored up by an outstanding back row.

They could not have wanted a better start: within two minutes they had stolen a French scrum ball, Adams broke to the open side and Bracken suddenly found the defence melting before him.

The lanky Stimpson converted and added two penalties before the French knew where they were. When Mazas, the only international in the French team, landed a penalty before half-time it seemed likely that the French would take greater advantage of the conditions in the second half.

However, a succession of handling mistakes and the keen defence of the English flankers, aided by Diprose, turned them back; even though Mazas was able to float over two of five second-half penalty attempts, Bracken's long break enable O'Leary to use his great pace for the try which put England out of reach.

SCORERS: England Students: Tries: Bracken, O'Leary. Conversions: Simpson (2). Penalties: Simpson (2). French Students: Penalties: Mazas (3).

ENGLAND STUDENTS: T Stimpson (Durham U), J Sleightholme (Chester Coll), D Edwards (Loughborough U), P Bingham (Loughborough U), D O'Leary (West London Inst); G Moffatt (Durham U), K Bracken (Bristol U); R Fuller (Northumberla U), M Regan (Bristol U), D Rusby (Teesside U), C Tarbuck (West London Inst), A Diprose (Loughborough U), S Shaw (West of England U), G Adams (Bath U, captain), E Peters (Cambridge U).

FRENCH STUDENTS: C Savy (rep: L Gonnell); R Saint Andre, B Dagusare (rep: P Dantiacamp), P Ripeyrolles, E N'Tamak; L Mazas, F Husper, A Rebeyrole, C Retiere, R Sourgens, J-M Monbeigt, F Pelous (rep: R Castel), P Ferrer, S Peysson, E Joliveau.

Referee: D Lamont (Ireland).

JAMES MORGAN

Hot stuff: Gabriela Sabatini takes refreshment during her 6-0, 6-1 victory over Barbara Rittner in the New South Wales Open yesterday as on-court temperatures reached 35°C. Sabatini, the top seed, now meets Jennifer Capriati, who swept away Pam Shriver, 6-0, 6-1. Capriati warned yesterday that unfit tennis players should beware of the heat at next week's Australian Open. "Its not like this anywhere else ... it's really hot," she said. "If you're not used to it and you're not in good shape I think it could hurt you, especially in a long match." Capriati is convinced the heat will be important in deciding the winner at the first grand slam tournament of the year.

ICE SKATING

Bayul's story comes to light

FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN IN HELSINKI

THE Oksana Bayul story gets better and better. It now emerges that the Ukrainian, aged 15, who won the women's silver medal on Thursday in the European championships here, is an orphan as well as a novice at this level.

"My mother died last year and my father a long time ago," she said through her coach, Valentin Nikolayev, who interpreted. "I live with my grandmother in Dnepropetrovsk when not training in Odessa."

Nikolayev said he had spotted Bayul a year ago and brought her to Odessa on the Black Sea in the deep south of Ukraine. Her training group there included Viktor Petrenko, the world and Olympic champion last year.

Bayul, a slim girl of 5ft 3in, plays no other sport save skating. "I was too thick for ballet," she said surprisingly. Nikolayev also said she needed skates. "Her boots are excellent, but the blades are Russian, pitted and rusty," he said. "Do you know of anybody?" That question should have been adequately answered before the world championships in Prague this March.

Surya Bonaly secured her third title as expected, though not with her usual bravura performance. She doubled the loop and stepped out of her triple toe, but five of her other three rotation jumps were clean, two of them in combination, the salchow and second triple toe. The latter jump must be keeping Katarina Witt awake at night.

Bonaly has even found some Finnish for local television and has gained poise since being called on to take the Winter Olympics oath last March with President Mitterrand at her side.

In yesterday's original dance, the only casualties were the Italians, Stefania Calegari and Pasquale Camerlengo, the male partner losing his balance in the Viennese Waltz and sitting down.

This dropped them a place to fifth, but more importantly for the Finns it relieved the pressure on the Helsinki couple, Susanna Rahkamo and Petri Kokko, who held on to third place.

Marika Humphreys and Justin Lanning, of Britain, held on to twelfth place, Marika making the point that this was the same position as in last season's junior world championships.

Like Bayul they seem to have moved up a league or two comfortably.

Time-lost dispute continues

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

AS RICHARD Tudor and his crew on the dismasted yacht, British Steel II, close on Hobart today at the end of a 3,000-mile voyage under jury rig, the international jury was preparing to judge the time allowances to give other crews who went to their aid at sea.

Three skippers, including Pete Goss, who trained all the crews, have condemned the 16- and 12-hour allowances recommended by the race secretary, Captain Spencer Drummond, for the time lost by Heath Insured and Group 4 Securitas. They say the time lost is nearer to six hours.

Drummond insisted his figures were more accurate: "We have a plot of the courses taken ... and the weather conditions, and can make quite accurate assumptions on where these yachts would have been had their crews not been good samaritans. The helpers were following a northern route and enjoying fair winds and would have made greater progress than the complainers who were well south and enduring head winds."

John McKenzie-Green, the chairman of the Heath Group sponsoring Adrian Donovan's yacht, Heath Insured, also spoke out yesterday against the dissenters: "Those who go to the aid of others should always gain an advantage.

"I only hope that the jury is not driven to make a decision with pressure from a kangaroo court of aggrieved skippers."

GOLF

James rolls back the years to overcome all obstacles

FROM MEL WEBB IN SANTA CRUZ, MADEIRA

THE soaring slopes and swooping valleys of Madeira Golf Club proved no obstacle to the mature and sturdy legs of Mark James yesterday. He strolled to a round of 69, giving him a total of 140, four under par, and a one-stroke lead at the halfway point of the Madeira Island Open.

It is a little unusual to see James, at 39, one of the senior statesmen of the PGA European Tour, in action so soon in the season. He happily admits to playing his best golf when the sun is on his back and has wins in Tunisia and Dubai in the recent past to prove his point.

But this is Ryder Cup year and the Lancastrian who proves his courage every day of his life by living in enemy territory — Yorkshire — is not the sort to let a few hills come between him and his quest for early season Cup credits.

A sixth appearance against the United States is James's avowed aim this year and, if he continues to play anything like he did yesterday, he could well be striking another blow for the thirtysomethings at The Belfry in September.

It was an extraordinary performance from the man who, by his own confession, had not hit a ball on a golf course between the end of last season and Wednesday of this week. It has been the practise ground, and not a step further, from November to January.

A light winter training programme did not, in any case, seem to affect the accuracy of his striking.

Positional awareness is all on a course perched 2,000 feet above sea level and, for much of his round, played in a stiff breeze, James used a one-iron with killing effect.

On the sharply downhill 1st, he hit a one-iron into position A and landed a beautifully floated eight-iron as softly as a feather only two feet away, holing the putt for a birdie.

He reduced the 2nd, also wending its way down away from the clubhouse, to a one-iron and a five-iron. Two putts from 25 feet made it two birdies in succession.

He dropped a shot on the 5th, when he three-putted from 25 feet, but then played flawless golf in going to the turn in 35, negotiating the switchback fairways with the skill that comes only with experience. There's no point in getting old if you don't get clever.

Another birdie on the 10th took him to two under par for the day, three under for the tournament, and the hole that thrust him to the top of the leaderboard was the par-five 12th, played downwind.

A superbly controlled one-iron left him with nothing more than a six-iron to the green and two putts from 25 feet put the final red number of the day on his card.

James is being pursued by Mark Davis, of Essex, and Jamie Spence, while Jeff Hall, the surprise first-round leader, found that the burden of having his bag carried by a member of the press corps was too much of a handicap.

Hall dropped five shots and finished with a 77 but, as one of six players on two under par, is still not out of contention. His caddie, it is understood, is not being retained.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 140: M James, 71, 69. 141: J Spence, 72, 69; M Davis, 70, 71. 142: S Ames (Trin), 70, 72, C Hardin (Swe), 73, 69; J Hall, 65, 77. A Binaghi (It), 72, 70; J Payne, 71, 71; R Chapman, 67, 75. 143: G J Brand, 71, 72, R Willison, 73, 70; P Broadhurst, 72, 71; A Hunter, 70, 73. 144: D W Basson (SA), 73, 71; P Mitchell, 71, 73; R Boxall, 72, 72; J Robertson, 74, 70; C Masson, 72, 72; G Brand Jr, 69, 75, J McHenry, 72, 72; D Williams, 72, 72; G Orr, 73, 71; S Richardson, 71, 73; D Smyth, 70, 74. M Gates, 72, 72, P Hall, 72, 72; R Lee, 74, 70; O Eskildsen (Den), 68, 76

145: A Sherborne, 74, 71; E Giraud (Fr), 73, 72; O Karlsson (Swe), 73, 72. 146: J Coe, 72, 74; D Gilford, 73, 73; G Ralph, 72, 74, S McAllister, 74, 72; N Godin, 69, 77; R Rafferty, 73, 73; A Hare, 76, 70. 147: R Bernhardt (Ger), 73, 74, D Rey, 74, 73, P McGinley, 70, 77; M Krantz (Swe), 72, 75, S Torrance, 70, 77; D R Jones, 71, 76; Daniel Silva (Por), 75, 72; A Chemley, 71, 76, D Curry, 73, 74; I Garbutt, 73, 74.

Spence: one shot adrift

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TOKYO: Japan Open: Men's singles: Third round: A Wiranata (Indo) bt A Antropov (Rus) 15-4, 15-10, T Stuer-Lauridsen (Den) bt Liu Jun (China), 15-8, 15-9; H Arbie (Indo) bt Zhao Jianhua (China), 15-10, 15-8; H Susanto (Indo) bt D Hall (Eng), 18-17, 15-5, 15-4; P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt Wu Wenkai (China), 18-16, 17-14; J Olsson (Swe) bt P Janiti (Fin), 15-7, 2-15, 15-12; J Suprianto (Indo) bt Kim Hak-kyun (S Kor), 15-12, 17-14; R Sidek (Mal) bt S Butler (Eng), 15-2, 15-7. Quarter-finals: Wiranata bt Stuer-Lauridsen, 11-15, 15-12, 15-7; Arbie bt Susanto, 15-10, 15-11; Hoyer-Larsen bt Olsson, 15-11, 18-14; Suprianto bt Sidek, 5-15, 15-9, 15-9

Women's singles: Third round: S Susanti (Indo) bt L Stuer-Lauridsen (Den), 11-0, 11-5; Ye Zhaoying (China) bt C Magnusson (Swe), 11-1, 11-8, Tang Jiuhong (China) walkover C Bengtsson (Swe). Lee Heung-Soon (S Kor) bt H Mizui (Japan), 11-7, 11-3. Huang Hua (China) bt Y Sentosa (Indo), 12-10, 11-2; S Kusumawardani (Indo) bt Y Mizui (Japan), 11-3, 11-3; M Timur (Indo) bt K Kanai (Japan), 12-9, 11-8; Bang Soo-Hyun (S Kor) bt Yao Yan (China), 11-5, 11-4. Quarter-finals: Ye Zhaoying bt Susanti, 7-11, 12-9, 11-2; Lee Heung-Soon bt Tang Jiuhong, 11-9, 7-11, 11-6; Huang Hua bt Kusumawardani, 11-4, 11-8, Bang Soo-Hyun bt Timur, 11-6, 11-3

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Group A: PAOK Salonika 89, Scavolini Pesaro (It) 65 (OT); Juventut Badalona (Sp) 82, Maccabi Tel Aviv 80. Group B: Benetton Treviso (It) 92, KK Zadar (Cro) 71.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Men: Cheshire Jets 90, Birmingham Bullets 106.

BOXING

LONDON: Professional bill: Light-heavyweight: Ole Klementsen (Nor) bt John Kaighin (Swansea), tsc 3rd. Fly: Darren Fifield (Oxford) bt Graham McGrath (Birmingham), pts. Super-middle: Hussain Sheh (Pak) bt Tim Robinson (Hull), pts. Light-welter: Alan Hall (Darlington) bt Tony Foster (Hull), pts.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Hobart: Tasmania 254 for five (D Hills 55, R Ponting 50, D Buckingham 81 not out) v South Australia.

CYCLING

BREMEN: Six-day race: First day: Leaders: 1, U Freuler (Switz) and P Pieters (Holl), 116pts; 2, B Risi (Switz) and K Betschart (Switz), 59; 3, A Kappes (Ger) and E de Wilde (Bel), 52

LUGE

LA PLAGNE, France: Women's World Cup: 1, G Weissensteiner (It), 1min 33.251sec; 2, A Tagmeirer (Austria), 1:33.375. 3, D Neuner (Austria), 1.33.382.

GOLF

HONOLULU: Hawaiian Open: First round (US unless stated): 65: H Twitty. 66: B Glasson. 68: T Lehman, M O'Meara, B Crenshaw. 67: B Ogle (Aus), F Funk, M Smith, P Azinger. 68: K Gibson, C Pavin, R Beirsdorf, J Maggert, W Andrade. 69: B Eastwood, D Waldorf, D Love III, M Schuchart, D Rummells, K Murota (Japan), S Elkington (Aus).

JOHANNESBURG: South African Open: Leading second-round scores (SA unless stated): 131: T Ashcraft (US), 66, 65, N Price (Zim), 66, 65. 132: R Crowder (US), 72, 61; C Williams, 67, 65; D Frost, 63, 70, M McNulty (Zim), 64, 69; D Clarke (Ire), 67, 65; D James, 65, 68. 134: D Feherty (Ire), 65, 69; J Bland, 68, 66.

KUALA LUMPUR: Women's tournament: Leading second-round scores (GB unless stated): 139: K Lunn (Aus), 69, 70. 143: D Barnard, 74, 69. 144: S Mendibouru (Fr), 72, 72. 145: C Dibnah (Aus), 71, 74; B Nine, 74, 71; L Hackney, 71, 74. 146: A Nicholas, 75, 70; L Davies, 76, 70; S Strudwick, 77, 69; S Waugh (Aus), 74, 72; C Hjalmarsson (Swe), 72, 74. 147: C Panton-Lewis, 71, 76; L Fairclough, 73, 74; R Hast, 74, 73; L Mantz-Atkins (SA), 70, 77; D Reid, 74, 73. 148: K Parker (US), 74, 74. 149: C Nilsmark (Swe), 73, 76; K Lasken (US), 71, 78; H Wadeworth, 77, 72. Other scores: 156: T Johnson, 79, 77. 164: K Douglas, 80, 84.

ICE SKATING

HELSINKI: European figure skating championships: Ice dance: Leading positions (after original dance): 1, M Usova and A Zhulin (Rus), 1.0pts, 2, O Gritschuk and E Platov (Rus), 2.0; 3, S Rahkamo and P Kokko (Fin), 3.0; 4, A Krylova and V Fedorov (Rus), 4.4; 5, S Calegari and P Camerlengo (It), 4.6; 6, S Manolotte and P Lavancy (Fr), 6.0. British: 12, M Humpheryes and J Lanning, 12.2

NORDIC SKIING

BOLZANO, Italy: Biathlon World Cup: Cross country race (15km): 1, A Restzova (Rus), 49min 53.02sec, 2, C Nagnat (Fr), 51:52.00; 3, E Hakova (Cz), 52:04.05.

REAL TENNIS

PHILADELPHIA: US Open (US unless stated): Second round: R Fahey (Aus) bt G Wharton, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0; M Devine (GB) bt M Clothier, 2-6, 6-5, 6-1, 6-3; J Howell (GB) bt R Whitehouse, 6-0, 6-0, 6-1; J Snow (GB) walkover S Hazell (GB).

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SKIING

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy: Women's World Cup: Downhill: 1, K Seizinger (Ger), 1min 27.35; 2, C Merle (Fr), 1:27.84, 3, B Sadleder (Austria), 1:28.06; 4, R Haust (Ger), 1:28.09; 5, H Lindh (Us), 1:28.10; 6, C Bourmissen (Fr), 1:28.20; 7, R Cavagnoud (Fr), 1:28.33; 8, P Street (US), 1:28.39; equal 9, A Wachter (Austria) and K Lee-Gartner (Can), 1:28.44. World Cup downhill standings (after four races): 1, Seizinger 290pts, 2, Haud, 186; 3, Bourmissen, 156; 4, H Zurbriggen (Switz), 151; 5, Merle, 149, 6, Lee-Gartner, 147. World Cup Overall standings: 1, A Wachter (Austria), 560pts: 2, Merle, 503, 3, Seizinger, 447; 4, P Wiberg (Swe), 319, 5, U Maier (Austria), 280; 6, V Schneider (Switz), 270

SQUASH

CHEADLE, Manchester: National championships: Men: First round: N Cass (Essex) bt J Clarke (Wilts), 9-7, 9-4, 9-0; M Oxley (Notts) bt D Watson (Herts), 9-0, 9-0, 9-5; P Lord (Cheshire) bt K Teale (Herts), 9-4, 9-2; J Wellings (Sussex) bt P Hargreave (Derbys), 9-10 9-4, 7-9, 9-4, 9-2; A Toss (Yorks) b C Leach (Warwicks), 6-9, 10-8, 3-9, 9-3, 2-0 ret; M Allen (Essex) bt M Groenestede (Dorset), 9-2, 9-4, 9-6; J Ronnie (Cheshire) bt M Lord (Cheshire), 9-4, 5-9, 9-2, 9-1; M Bodenstede (Berks) bt J Power (Lancs), 9-0, 9-3, 9-7, 9-0. Second round: P Whitlock (Cheshi) bt P Millington (Northumb), 9-2, 9-1, 9-1; N Taylor (Lancs) bt D Walsh (Northumb), 9-5, 9-2, 9-0; J Lilley (Yorks) bt T Garner (Surrey), 8-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-2; M Chaloner (Lincs) bt R Graham (Essex), 9-3, 9-0, 9-4. Women: First round: S Macfie (Surrey) bt N Roberts (Cheshire), 9-2, 9-3, 9-0; L Soutter (Gloucs) bt N Ford (Leics), 9-1, 9-1, 9-2; J Martin (Northumbria) bt K Meakins (Beds), 9-1, 9-0, 9-2, F Geaves (Gloucs) bt P Hoppe (Beds), 9-3, 9-0, 9-5; S Wright (Kent) bt J Tranfield (Yorks), 9-6, 9-0, 9-0, D Vardy (Notts) bt S Downhill (Middx), 9-5, 10-8, 5-1. Second round: C Jackman (Norfolk) bt D Leaves (Sussex), 9-2, 9-1, 9-1; R Macree (Essex) bt L Soutter (Gloucs), 9-5, 9-4, 9-7; J Martin (Northumb) bt H Macfie (Surrey), 9-6, 9-1, 9-0, S Horner (Yorks) bt S Macfie (Surrey), 9-2, 9-1, 9-0.

TENNIS

ADELAIDE: Men's tournament: Round-robin stage: Red group: J Courier (US) bt M Stich (Ger), 6-3, 6-4. Blue group: P Korda (Cz) bt S Edberg (Swe), 6-3, 6-3.

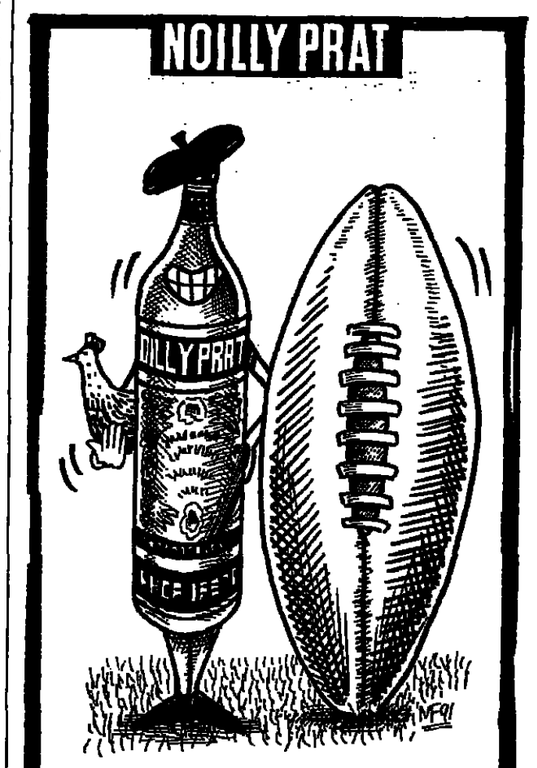
AUCKLAND, New Zealand: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: L Mattar (Br) bt C Adams (US), 1-6, 7-5, 7-6, J Yzaga (Peru) bt K Evernden (NZ), 4-6, 7-5, 7-6, A Volkov (Rus) bt B Steven (NZ), 7-5, 6-1.

JAKARTA, Indonesia: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: M Chang (US) bt J Eltingh (Holl), 6-4, 6-4; C-U Steeb (Ger) bt P Haarhuis (Holl), 6-2, 6-2.

MELBOURNE: Australian Open qualifying tournament (selected results): Men's singles: First round: D Sapsford (GB) bt P Norval (SA), 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Second round: C Bailey (GB) bt B Ellwood (Aus), 6-1, 6-0. T Nelson (US) bt N Broad (GB), 6-4, 6-1; K Thorne (US) bt Sapsford, 7-5, 6-3. Women's singles: First round: A Grunfeld (GB) bt C Macgregor (US), 6-2, 6-0; C Wood (GB) bt S McCarthy (US), 7-5, 4-6, 6-2. J Hetherington (Can) bt S-A Siddat (GB), 6-2, 6-0.

MELBOURNE: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: A Coetzer (SA) bt L Field (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt L Harvey-Wild (US), 7-5, 6-3.

SYDNEY: New South Wales Open: Men: Semi-finals: P Sampras (US) bt A Mansdorf (Is), 6-3, 7-5; T Muster (Austria) bt O Camporese (It), 6-4, 6-3. Women: Quarter-finals: G Sabatini (Arg) bt B Rittner (Ger), 7-5, 6-3; A Huber (Ger) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp), 7-6, 6-2; J Capriati (US) bt P Shriver (US), 6-0, 6-1; A Frazier (US) bt T Whitlinger (US), 6-1, 6-3



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Five nations' champions open quest for third successive grand slam at Twickenham today

Dooley's withdrawal tests England's nerve

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S serene progress into rugby union's five nations' championship and the pursuit of a unique third successive grand slam suffered a rude jolt yesterday when Wade Dooley withdrew from today's match against France at Twickenham in the opening round of the competition.

Dooley, 35, and the holder of 52 caps, aggravated a thigh injury in training yesterday morning. His place in the second row goes to Martin Johnson, from Leicester, who will win his first cap, but Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, was unable to disguise his disappointment. "It's a blow but we always say we have the strength and depth to cover such situations," he said.

It would have been Dooley's tenth appearance against the French in a career going back to 1985. His departure, in what is probably his last international season, makes the England second row the least experienced area of the side — Martin Bayfield has played only one full championship season — but it advances the day when Johnson, long regarded as Dooley's successor, makes his debut.

Johnson, 22, is 6ft 7in and 17½st and counts among his honours appearances for New Zealand Under-21 during a season spent in that country. He played in England B's successful 1992 season but a shoulder injury removed him from the B tour to New Zealand last summer. He was due to play last night in the A international at his home club but was brought to London in the morning; since he has taken no part in training, England's lineout tactics will inevitably be affected.

Even so, they remain favourites to sustain an unbeaten record in the championship going back to that marvellous March day in 1990, when the grand slam went north of the border. Marvellous for the Scots that is. It was the final piece in the English jigsaw which moulded their team into the dominant force in the northern hemisphere. Pierre Berbizier, coach to the French team, calls them the reference point for European rugby — he calls them various other things as well, along the lines of *agents provocateurs*, but the championship can do without another burst of polemics.

Along the way England have become the reference point in other senses: they have argued that their primary role is winning, with entertainment coming second. To their credit they have managed both, but their growing commercial value has put the squad firmly into the entertainment field.

This week alone the England squad have announced three sponsorships to augment their "Run with the Ball" campaign; more are due to follow. Those companies hope to back a horse that wins and entertains.

The five nations has "event" status now, which means massive public interest. England are the cream on the event cake: where they go, commercially speaking, players from the other home unions would like to follow and soon the amateur regulations will have to be closely looked at again.

For today, though, the game, sponsored by Save and Prosper, is the thing. Cook admits: "For all the other teams this season England will be the biggest game. We are the side they want to beat more than anyone." Whether, despite England's late change, this French team can crush the rose remains doubtful.

In the five matches since the last championship ended they have used 32 players and though they some fine individuals, they lack collective composure. Jean-Francois Tordo also has yet to prove himself an international leader.

"The French are very mobile, specially in the back five," Dick Best, England's coach, said. "They have tremendous ball-winning potential and you rarely see a bad French scrummaging side. They have dangerous broken-field runners. The biggest threat of all is their unpredictability. The moment you relax they are away — as they showed last time they were here."

As it happens, three of the four men who made "that" try in the 1991 match are here again: Phillipe Sella, Didier Camberabero and Phillipe Saint-André. The missing component is the unique Serge Blanco and that is an ingredient the French cannot replace. They look to have the makings of a good lineout but whether Aubin Hueber can find his jumpers (the French have reverted to their scrum half as thrower) remains to be seen. They have had their own worries, too, with Olivier Roumat, the lock, suffering a virus and Christope Mougeot has been drafted in for coverage.

England's desire to win remains fierce, for the old guard as well as the newcomers, Johnson, Ian Hunter and Ben Clarke. Hunter, the Northampton full back now playing wing, is a key attacker while Clarke, Bath's splendidly athletic No. 8, is more the product of the new laws.

Cooke admits the regulations have forced England to look at themselves. "Maybe time will show them to be a good thing to have happened to this England side at this time," he said. "We have to come to terms with broken fields and flat defences. The side that handles that best will be successful in this championship."

To this end, the Rugby Football Union, who will host a crowd of 54,500, have posted a camera at one end specifically to monitor where space occurs in the first championship match played under the revised laws.

It should also record an English victory, while Scotland, in the Royal Bank of Scotland match at Murrayfield, should retain the Centuty Quaich, which Ireland have yet to lay hands on since the trophy was offered for competition in 1989. For either side victory would be more handsome than any prize for style.

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LOCK FORWARD'S TRAINING RUN TAKES TURN FOR THE WORSE

Running into trouble: Dooley, left, stands out in training yesterday, but later, right, trudges off disconsolately after injuring his thigh

TODAY'S TEAMS FOR TWICKENHAM

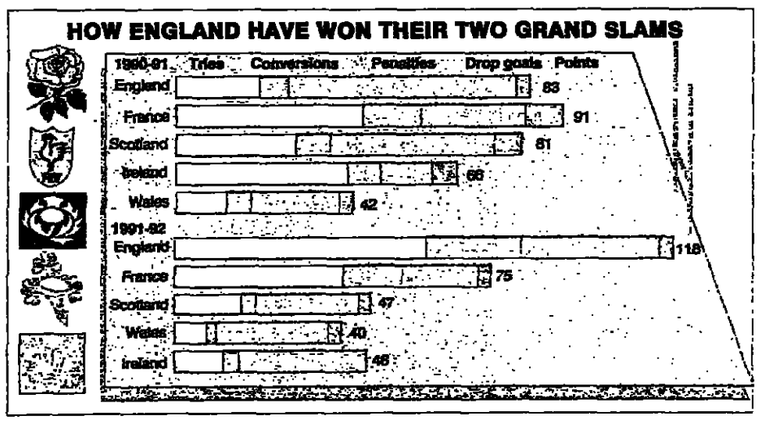
England			France	
J M Webb (Bath)	15	Full back	J-B Lafond (Racing Club)	15
I Hunter (Northampton)	14	Right wing	P Saint-André (Montferrand)	14
W D C Carling* (Harlequins)	13	Right centre	P Sella (Agen)	13
J C Guscott (Bath)	12	Left centre	T Lacroix (Dax)	12
R Underwood (Leicester/RAF)	11	Left wing	P Hontas (Biarritz)	11
C R Andrew (Wasps)	10	Stand-off	D Camberabero (Béziers)	10
C D Morris (Orrell)	9	Scrum half	A Hueber (Toulon)	9
J Leonard (Harlequins)	1	Prop	L Armary (Lourdes)	1
B C Moore (Harlequins)	2	Hooker	J-F Tordo* (Nice)	2
J A Probyn (Wasps)	3	Prop	L Seigne (Merignac)	3
M C Teague (Moseley)	6	Flanker	P Benetton (Agen)	6
M C Bayfield (Northampton)	4	Lock	A Benazzi (Agen)	4
M O Johnson (Leicester)	5	Lock	O Roumat (Dax)	5
P J Winterbottom (Harlequins)	7	Flanker	L Cabannes (Racing Club)	7
B B Clarke (Bath)	8	No. 8	M Cécillon (Bourgoin)	8
*Captain			*Captain	

Referee: J M Fleming (Scotland)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 P R de Glanville (Bath), 17 S Barnes (Bath), 18 S M Bates (Wasps), 19 V E Ubogu (Bath), 20 C J Oliver (N'mpton), 21 T A K Rodber (N'hampton).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 S Dupler (Toulouse), 17 F Mesnel (Racing Club), 18 J Cazalbou (Toulouse), 19 E Melville (Toulon), 20 S Graou (Auch), 21 F Landreau (Grenoble).

HOW ENGLAND HAVE WON THEIR TWO GRAND SLAMS



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France v Wales

Rangers jib at price for Durie

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

RANGERS have been frustrated in their attempts to strengthen their Scottish contingent for the next phase of European Cup matches. David Murray, the owner of the Ibrox club, said yesterday that Tottenham Hotspur had been made a £1.5 million offer for Gordon Durie but it had been rejected. Rangers had no alternative target.

"We were not prepared to pay more for Durie and the ball was left in Tottenham's court," Murray said. "We will not now be signing a new player before the Uefa deadline."

Although Ally McCoist is scoring with great regularity for Rangers, who are running away with the Scottish Premier League, Walter Smith, the club manager, was keen to augment his squad with a Scottish-born forward before the next stage of their European adventure and believed that Tottenham would eventually accept his valuation of the player.

Durie, 27, a Scottish international, clearly thought so too. After training with the Tottenham players in Hertfordshire yesterday morning he went home to sit by the telephone, hoping for a summons to Glasgow.

But no call came. Terry Venables, Tottenham's chief executive, wants his money back for a player who cost £2.2 million from Chelsea 18 months ago. Today Durie will be playing in a friendly match for Tottenham reserves against Harrow Borough.

Durie, a Rangers supporter, has made no secret of his enthusiasm for moving to Glasgow, now that he is unable to command a first team place at Tottenham. He has failed to settle in London and his attitude and commitment have been questioned by the White Hart Lane management.

Venables thought things would improve after Durie was cleared last month by the Football Association of a charge of feigning injury. But, instead, Durie's form has dipped.

Durie, born in Paisley, previously played for East Fife and Hibernian. He has a career-record of a goal every three matches or so but he has also been plagued by a series of niggling injuries and this season has scored only three goals in the Premier League.

Blackburn Rovers have been awarded planning permission for a £12 million redevelopment of Ewood Park into an all-seat stadium. The demolition of the terraced Darwen End starts next week.

Halliday pants by numbers

THE marathon. It is a distance that excites great passions and provokes great crimes. John Halliday, vice-president of operations at the Chemical Bank in London, went to New York in November to run the New York Marathon for the fourteenth time. If you think that is crazy, what he did next was insane.

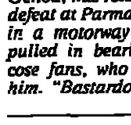
On arriving in New York, he put his bag down for a moment. Gone. Passport, wallet, credit cards, the lot. Gone also was his race number for the New York Marathon. Later, Halliday discovered that the bag had been handed in to the race organisers. In it: yes, passport, wallet, credit cards, money. The only thing that had been stolen was the race number.

This is a happy story, if you can call running a marathon happy. Halliday got a new number and finished in under three-and-a-half hours. The event had 27,792 finishers — "believed to be the highest number for any marathon anywhere" — from 97 countries.

Girls done good

This column wishes to congratulate Arsenal on a fabulous season thus far after they eased into the League Cup quarter-finals with a 9-0 win. The manager said: "We knocked the ball around with a lot of confidence on a very hard top. They had no answer to us in the air." They go on to tackle the might of District Line in the next round.

The side is, of course, Arsenal Ladies, managed by Vic Akers. Naz Ball scored the first goal in the great adventure against Saltdean, Jo Churchman had a hat-trick and Michelle Curley "supplied some great crosses". I pass this on in the knowledge that the nation *needs* happy news from Arsenal.



SIMON BARNES

Sporting Diary

☐ *Thomas Skuhravy, the Czech centre forward with Genoa, was returning from a defeat at Parma and stopped in a motorway cafe. A bus pulled in bearing 30 bellicose fans, who rounded on him. "Bastardo!" they said. "We are fed up!" One added: "I pray you, score some goals!" Skuhravy replied: "You should not pray to anybody. I am not Jesus Christ." He then drove off in tears. Serie A is ever a footballing* via dolorosa.

Football fantasy

Alan Rothenberg, the man running the 1994 World Cup, is celebrating the opening of a new training centre in California. "The programme is moving right along on our quest for our possible dream," Rothenberg said. "At first our coach, Bora Milutinovic, was doubtful. Now he promises us the cup." Milutinovic was also at the opening of the new centre. He made no promises.

No such thing as a certainty

Here is a story that tells you of the eternal verities of the bookmaking industry and its clientele.

A couple of days ago, the state-run New Zealand gambling organisation, the Totalistor Agency Board, made the small but significant error of accepting bets on a dog race that had already taken place. There was a three-minute period in which bets could be placed on a race in which the results were already public knowledge.

There was a run of 36 bets on the trifecta — the first three home — that required a payout of NZ$7,488 (about £2,500). There was also several win and place bets.

But — and here the character of the punter is revealed for all time — there were 153 *losing* bets struck. Even knowing the result, they managed to back the wrong dog.

The bookies say that one punter has already confessed to backing the winner after time and has returned his winnings. They also say they know the identity of another late winner and may ask the police to help them trace others. But — and here the character of bookies all over the world is revealed for all time — they have no plans to refund the stake of the 153 who bet on the wrong dog.

Cooking up trouble

Peter Blake and Robin Knox-Johnson have been arguing with each other since 1971. They propose to continue the argument in their forthcoming around-the-world-in-80-or-so-days catamaran stunt.

At the moment, the principal topic of argument is food. It is Knox-Johnson's habit to live off curry: to keep an ever-more-aromatic pot going for the duration of the voyage. Blake has always been under Knox-Johnson's command on previous voyages but this time they are co-skippers. That gives Blake the leverage to insist: no curries.

May the best cook win but this column traditionally supports curry-eaters against the rest of the world.

WHY DID SCOTTISH RUGBY NEED A FAST BOWLER?

Mystery still surrounds Ian Scott Smith. "The Flying Scotsman" sped to a world record number of international tries between 1924 and 1933. But why he particularly chose to give the Scottish Rugby Museum a bowler hat, as worn by early referees, no-one seems to know. A bowler. From one of Scotland's fastest caps. Whatever the reason, The Royal Bank of Scotland is happy to applaud individuality. And the ability to score numerous tries for Scotland. We are proud to be supporting the Internationals at Murrayfield once again this year.

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King Conran's stairway to heaven

Robin Young finds out why Sir Terence thinks a recession is a good time to unveil a 400-seater restaurant

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Gastronomic polish: Sir Terence Conran shows off the Qs of the new iron and bronze balustrade that will lead 300 of his diners down to the main restaurant, in the old Quaglino's ballroom

On the St Valentine's weekend next month, Sir Terence Conran will open London's largest, most glamorous and doubtless busiest brasserie. It might seem perverse when we are supposed to be suffering in the throes of a recession, but Sir Terence insists it is not. He sees his £2.5 million resurrection of Quaglino's in Bury Street, St James's, only as putting the finishing touch to what he believes is London's new role, as the eating-out capital of the world.

Sir Terence, who has never yet failed with a restaurant project since he cut his teeth opening Soup Kitchens to feed impoverished youngsters like himself in 1954, does not even believe that his grandiose and brilliantly decorated 400-seater is the boldest throw.

"If we had been offered the Criterion on Piccadilly Circus [re-opened by Bob Payton and Rocco Forte last September] I do not know that we would have dared, even though it is the most glorious room," he says. "I am glad to know it is doing well, because my argument is that good restaurants will always succeed. It is only bad ones that fail."

In recession-hit London, he points out, restaurants such as Kensington Place, the Caprice and the Ivy, Marco-Pierre White's Harvey's, Antony Worrall-Thompson's dell'Ugo and several more have continued to be full every mealtime. So, indeed, have his own Bibendum, Blueprint Café, Pont de la Tour, and newly opened Cantina del Ponte.

His earlier successes after the four Soup Kitchens included The Orrery on then bohemian King's Road, Chelsea; Chanterelle in Old Brompton Road, which still trades, though stripped of its original décor; and The Neal Street Restaurant, an enduring success now owned and run by his bonhominous, mushroom-loving brother-in-law, Antonio Carluccio.

He also designed a crowd-pulling front-of-house restaurant for the King's Road Habitat, and transformed Heal's restaurant in the Tottenham Court Road furniture store when Heal's formed part of his erstwhile retailing empire.

But his serious début in the restaurant business, he says, was the opening of Bibendum atop the fabulous art nouveau monument to the pioneering days of motoring, the Michelin building in Fulham Road, south Kensington. For Bibendum he recruited chef Simon Hopkinson and restaurant manager Joel Kissin from Hilaire across the road.

Mr Kissin is now Sir Terence's partner in most of his restaurant businesses, and it was he who two years ago made the discovery that Quaglino's was for sale.

Quaglino's is a great, if now rather dimly remembered, name in the history of the London restaurant trade. Giovanni Quaglino had been *maître d'hôtel* of the grand Martinez hotel in Cannes by the time he was 17. In 1929 he took over the restaurant of what was then the St James's Palace Hotel in Bury Street, winning customers with exceptional food and service and with a fashionably late supper, followed by music and dancing. His own personality was the trump card: Giovanni Quaglino stars in contemporary descriptions as a man of genuine grace, kindness and charm.

Barbara Cartland was an early fan, her enthusiasm reportedly fuelled by a pearl she was said to have found in one of her Quaglino's oysters. In a foreword to Quaglino's book, she reminisced: "After the super snobbishness of the great Luigi at the Embassy Club; the condescension of Charles at Claridges; the lack of individuality at the Kit Kat, Quaglino was always smiling, always welcoming, made each of his clients feel a very special guest. Apart from the comfort, the attractiveness and the soft music in Bury Street, the food was superlative and original."

It is a formula Sir Terence will be happy for his restaurant manager, Eric Garnier (brother of the London restaurateur, Didier Garnier), and his chef, Martin Webb (formerly senior sous-chef at Pont de la Tour), to repeat.

The search is on for a band to replace Van Straten's six-piece orchestra, which played for the future Edward VIII (whom Van Straten found to be a drummer of "passable" ability), and for Charlie Chaplin ("an avid tango dancer"), the Mountbattens, Lady Cunard and Winston Churchill in Quaglino's heyday in the 1930s. The new Quaglino's is also auditioning for a successor to Hutch (born Leslie Hutchinson in Grenada). Quaglino's velvet-voiced resident singer-pianist who became the United Kingdom's favourite cabaret artist before and after the war.

Although Giovanni Quaglino and his brother hurried back to Italy to avoid internment shortly before that country entered the war, their establishment continued under new ownership. In 1956 the Queen, Duke of Edinburgh and Queen Mother were all there to fête the British equestrian team which had triumphed in the Stockholm Olympics. In 1958 a banqueting suite was built, enabling Quaglino's to hold balls for charities, regiments and old school reunions. It is the basement ballroom which is the site for the new Quaglino's.

The last time Quaglino's hit the headlines was in January 1975. It caught fire. Trusthouse Forte acquired the site for redevelopment. Ten years later it sold it, having done nothing. The ballroom became a dumping ground for builders' rubble while the hotel above was transformed into offices. When Sir Terence and Mr Kissin came on the scene, what they bought was a black and empty hole in the ground under Jermyn Street.

They have a 99-year lease ("practically a freehold") and their £2.5 million restructuring is a total one.

There has been no attempt to recreate the gold and mother-of-pearl ceiling, saffron-and-glass walls and red divans of the old Quaglino's. What Sir Terence has designed instead for London is a very considerable improvement upon La Coupole, the famously restored mega-brasserie in Paris's Montparnasse. Where La Coupole's owners went for a largely faithful recreation of their national treasure's *fin de siècle* style, Conran's big brasserie is uncompromisingly contemporary. He has personally designed almost everything in it with the help of Keith Hobbs and Linzi Coppick.

A glass canopy with an intense blue haze spans the Bury Street entrance. In the entrance foyer there will be a shop selling foodstuffs related to what the restaurant serves. Menus will be projected on to the walls.

From the street it will be possible to look down into the restaurant, and even to glimpse its centrepiece, the Crustacea Altar, upon which oysters, lobsters, crabs and clams will be sacrificed in the compilation of great *plateaux* of *fruits de mer*.

Those who enter will descend a sweeping staircase to a new mezzanine with a glamorous, colourful bar, seats for 100, and an antipasti servery from which a light dish to accompany drinks might cost as little as £3.50. A private dining room down a picture-lined corridor at mezzanine level can be closed off with blinds, or left with its windows looking down on the theatre of the restaurant below. A second white marble staircase with a balustrade of forged iron and bronze Qs descends to the columns and mirrors of the main restaurant, which can seat 300 at round tables and on banquettes down the centre.

As at other Conran restaurants customers will be able to see into the kitchens, and some of the 57 chefs, at least, will have a chance to see their customers as they work the grills and rotisseries. Behind, their colleagues will be chopping, peeling, braising, and frying.

Sir Terence and Mr Kissin are supremely confident Quaglino's will be serving 1,200 covers day from the moment it opens. They think their site is ideal, "up west" and close to theatreland, yet in the comparatively genteel quiet of St James's. They think they will be able to provide valet parking at night and, subject to licence, they hope for dancing till 3am on Fridays and Saturdays.

"What really counts", Sir Terence insists, "is first the food and wine, second the service, and third the atmosphere. Here the atmosphere will give the meal a lift. This is going to be a really glamorous place, full of energy and bustle." It will not, though, be vastly expensive. Starters will be about £3, main courses from £7, and a meal with wine and service is likely to be about £30 a head.

Sir Terence is undismayed by talk of recession. "Two years ago it would have cost us not £2.5 million, but £4 million to do this. Now we have craftspeople who are pleased to be able to work on the project."

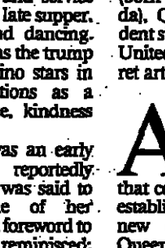
Even in a recession, he insists, "people cannot sit at home and watch television every night. If you are not moving house and refurnishing you at least have a bit of money to spend on other things. With the reduction in mortgage interest rates they will be able to afford to swarm in here to cheer themselves up a bit."

He derives extra confidence from the expectation that the devaluation of the pound since quitting the ERM promises a good tourist season for London this summer. "London has never served its tourists very well. We have never had the equivalent of a La Coupole, but now we have the advantage over the French because they have become very caught up in their own tradition, while British chefs have been able to draw upon the entire world for their inspiration. I really believe that London is now the restaurant centre of the world."

And Quaglino's, he evidently intends, is to be the jewel in the new-won crown.

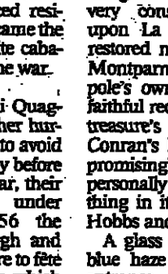
● *Quaglino's official opening is on the evening of Saturday February 13. Thereafter it is open Mon-Sat, noon-3pm and 5.30pm-midnight (licensed to 1am); Sun, noon-3pm and 5.30-11pm. The bar will be open Mon-Sat, 11.30am-midnight (licensed to 1am); Sun, noon-11pm. For reservations ring 071-930 6767 (lines now open).*

Dogs, dog-ends and little puffs of pleasure



WEEKEND *voice*

MARY KILLEN



Dogs are very like cigarettes. This flash of insight came to me two weeks ago during a flight to Barbados. I had gone to that hair-drier-hot heaven for various reasons, not all of them sybaritic, but during the 11-hour flight a passenger in the same row smoked roughly 25 cigarettes. She was, oh, about 78 years old and rather tall and impressive in appearance. How could anyone have got to that age and not managed to give up smoking, I wondered. She drew long and deeply on each one and as she exhaled, her head lolled back in ecstatic relief.

I had smirked across the aisle at her once or twice and as we waited in Antigua for refuelling we talked.

"Do excuse me," she wheezed. "I'm afraid I'm rather like Princess Margaret." She patted a story in that day's tabloid: "Apparently smoking is her *raison d'être*. It certainly is mine," she laughed bronchitically. She said that smoking made her feel "absolutely wretched, my dear. And my arteries have narrowed so much that you'll see a wheelchair waiting for me at Barbados. But I enjoy it so much I don't know what I'd do without it."

Her habit was dirty, a nuisance to others and to herself and made her ill, but it was worth it for her because of the 40 or so bursts of pleasure she could derive from it every day.

Why, it was exactly like the pleasure I had got from a dog named Sam, with whom I lived in the 1980s and at whose photo in my wallet I had been gazing nostalgically. Sam, a dark grey and white cross between a collie and an old English sheepdog, belonged to a girl named Mosh, into whose flat in Chelsea I had moved as a stopgap. "I'm sorry, Mosh," I said, "I couldn't possibly live here unless you get rid of that hellish dog."

"Ramsplang?" Mosh said. "Ramsplang's my boyfriend. He's the nicest thing in my whole life. He's got to stay here with his mummy." My lip curled in contempt. This dog — exactly like some dustbin dog out of the *Beano* — had been rescued from Battersea dogs' home. He was filthy and nervous making: he charged to the door barking hysterically if there was the slightest thud. He took clothes out of the laundry basket and ate his way through key sections of them. He swiped food from people's plates as they were eating. He panted continuously and stood in front of you with his tail swishing. Obviously he wanted to go for a walk the whole time so one had to contend with manic barking, clawing, and springing up on his hind legs almost to your face if you went anywhere near the door. I could hardly bring myself to even stay until I found other accommodation.

It was such a short time before I fell in love with Sam. He became my *raison d'être*. I thought about him throughout the day and made myself massively unpopular with people to whose houses I took him. He made me feel guilty constantly because he wanted to be running up hills and down dales all day, not staring out through the window of a Chelsea duplex. But, oh, the happiness! The love that we all bestowed on him, including my husband when he moved in, and the patting and talking nonsense.

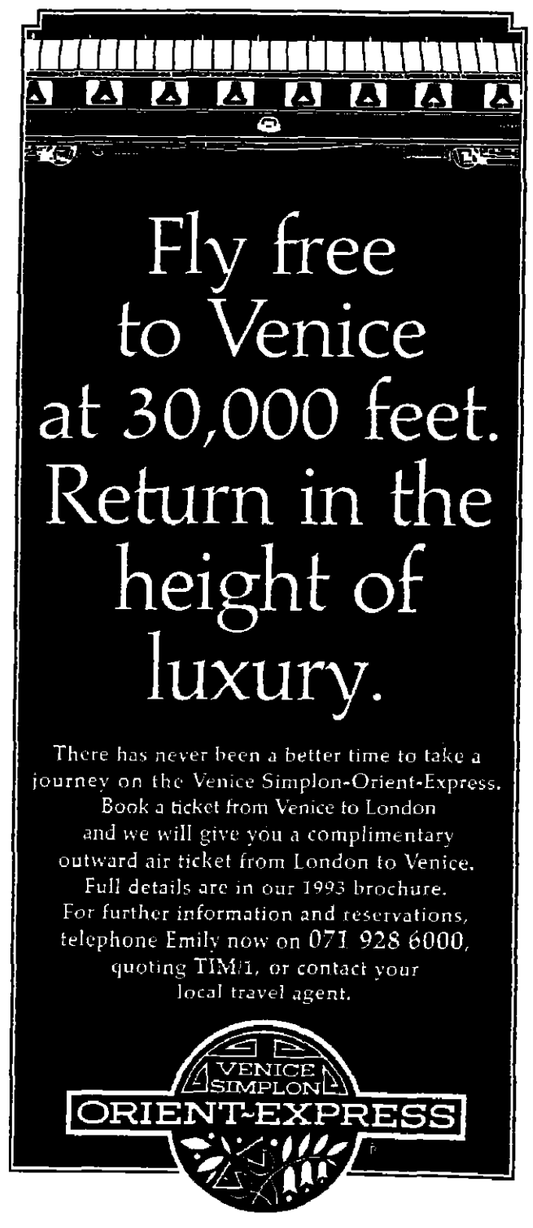
When friends came round their lips curled in contempt. Sam, being long-haired, was usually filthy. He often nudged guests' elbows when they were holding drinks. All over the country other people were taking their dogs for walks, leaving dog messes in the street, just as ashtrays were also filling up round the country, and people were also loving their dogs despite the appalling nuisance they caused.

Then a friend dropped in with a child of two. Sam bit the little boy, because he was standing beside a dropped sandwich. We had forgotten he didn't like children.

It was a bad moment. We realised then that neither Mosh nor I could get married and keep Sam. Perhaps I loved Sam more than Mosh did because I felt attached enough to him to almost consider giving up the chance of having a child and devoting my life to Sam, going to live in the country with him. Reader, I would have married him, even though he was a dog. The only trouble was, I realised that it wouldn't be worth it in the long run. He was already about three and as a dog's life expectation is only about 11 years that meant I had only eight years of him left.

In a stroke of luck Mosh's mother met a kind lady in the Cotswolds who took him. She gave him the kind of dog's life he deserved. Now he lives the happiest life of any dog in the kingdom: his new mistress takes him riding every day and sometimes he just sits and pants, and sometimes he just sits.

So I broke my addiction to him. But is my life richer without those daily bursts of pleasure which annoyed everyone else so much? It's very hard to say yes.



FILM

THE BODYGUARD (15): Kevin Costner as the bodyguard who falls for his showbiz charge (Whitney Houston). Jumbled drama, from a 1975 Lawrence Kasdan script. Director, Mick Jackson.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CHAPLIN (12)*: A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr., but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career*
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

DEATH BECOMES HER (PG)*:* Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn battle to attain eternal youth. Ice-cold black comedy, ultimately swamped by special effects. Stars Bruce Willis; director, Robert Zemeckis
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

Riotous songs: Whoopi Goldberg in Sarafina!

A FEW GOOD MEN (15): Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama starring Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson; director, Rob Reiner.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310)
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

HOME ALONE 2: LOST IN NEW YORK *(PG)*: More of the same, with extra crudity and a horrid new streak of sentimentality. With Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern. Director, Chris Columbus.
MGM Chelsea *(071-352 5096)* **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

HOWARDS END (PG): Absorbing version of E.M. Forster's novel about two colliding families with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham-Carter. Director, James Ivory.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).
Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

L627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Starring Didier Bezace, Nils Tavernier.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

MAN BITES DOG (18): Film crew follows loquacious killer on his rounds. Cheeky conceit spread too thin by new Belgian film-makers Rémy Belvaux, André Bonzel and Benoît Poelvoorde.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

MAN TROUBLE (15): Ellen Barkin hires Jack Nicholson's guard dog but finds no security. Talent wasted in dreadful comedy from director Bob Rafelson and the writer of *Five Easy Pieces*, Carole Eastman.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

RESERVOIR DOGS (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino (who writes and directs). Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SARAFINA! (15): The Soweto school riots, plus songs. South African hit musical, exuberantly filmed with Leleti Khumalo (the original star) and Whoopi Goldberg. Darrell James Roodt directs.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705).

SINGLES (12)*:* The love problems of Seattle twentysomethings. Engaging, upbeat entertainment, nicely portrayed (Kyra Sedgwick, Campbell Scott, Matt Dillon). Writer-director Cameron Crowe.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

SOFT TOP HARD SHOULDER (15): London to Glasgow with an ice-cream heir (Peter Capaldi), a prim miss (Elaine Collins), and too many whimsies for comfort. *Director, Stefan Schwartz*
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

STRICTLY BALLROOM *(PG)*: One dancer's fight to defy the rules of the Australian Ballroom Dancing Federation. Ebullient, intoxicating debut by director Baz Luhrmann. With Paul Mercurio, *Tara Morice.*
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683).

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu). Also starring Anne Brochet; director, Alain Corneau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

A WINTER'S TALE (12)*:* A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Véry, Michel Voletti, Herve Furic.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

THEATRE

LONDON

CAROUSEL: Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm.

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS: Ian Judge's sublimely funny production, with award-winning Desmond Barrit playing both of the portly twins.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, Mon-Thurs, 7.15pm, *mat Sat, Thurs, 2pm.*

CYRANO DE BERGERAC: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

Engaging twentysomethings: Matt Dillon and Bridget Fonda in Singles (see Film)

ENNIO MARCHETTO: The master of quick-change cabaret.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Opens Mon, 8pm; Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

HAY FEVER: Very funny performances in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm.

Monstrous: Simon Russell Beale leads in Richard III

I HAVE AN UNCLE IN AMERICA: *Yo Tengo un Tio en America*, the award-winning success from the Edinburgh Festival: Catalan-based Els Joglars re-enact the conquest of America as if in a psychiatric institution. As part of the International Mime Festival.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Preview Tues, 7.45pm; opens Wed, 7.45pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY. Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged; doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

THE LAST YANKEE: Arthur Miller premiere: Zoë Wanamaker, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans frantic for material success or untroubled by lack of it.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Previews from Thurs, 3pm; opens Jan 26, 7pm, Mon-Sat, *8pm*, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

LOST IN YONKERS: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm

OUR SONG: Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm

RICHARD III: Simon Russell Beale's bald, savagely funny monster in Sam Mendes's memorable RSC touring production.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm.

STAGES: Haunting performance by Alan Bates as the washed-up artist in David Storey's work directed by Lindsay Anderson.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tues-Thurs, 8pm, mat Thurs, 4pm.

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm. Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA: David Thacker's winning revival, Thirties style, both comic and romantic, delightfully acted.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Fri-Jan 26, 7.15pm, mat next Sat, 2pm.

REGIONAL

BOLTON: Still celebrating its Silver Jubilee, the Octagon revives Priestley's *An Inspector Calls.*
Octagon, Howells Croft South (0204 20661). Opens Fri, 7.30pm; Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

CAMBRIDGE: *Gerard Murphy* and Kathy Burke in Cambridge Theatre Company's touring production of Molière's *The Hypochondriac.* Nick Phillippou's swansong before moving to Actors Touring Co.
Arts, Peas Lane (0223 352000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, *mat Sat, 2.30pm.*

EDINBURGH: Two women, one deaf (Elizabeth Quinn), find their lives changed by the blues of *Bessie Smith*, played by Suzanne Bonnar. Jackie Kay's *Every Bit of It* performed by The Sphinx (formerly The Women's Theatre Company).
Traverse, Cambridge Street *(031-228 1404). Tues-Sat, 8pm.*

LIVERPOOL: Actors Touring Company set off on a ten-week tour with Labiche's *The Coaldust Affair*, new translation by Robert David Macdonald of a farce by *the author of An Italian Straw Hat.*
Unity, Hope Place (051-709 4988). Thurs-next Sat, 8pm.

MANCHESTER: Spring season begins with Sue Sutton Mayo's production of *Ghosts*: shameful deeds can be suppressed but the guilty secrets will out.
Library, St Peter's Square (061-236 7110). Preview Wed, 7.30pm; opens Thurs, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, *mats Wed (Feb 3), Sat (Feb 13),* 3pm

MOLD: Helena Kaut-Howson transposes *All's Well That Ends Well*, Shakespeare's dark comedy about tricky men and a determined woman, into the 20th century.
Theatr Clwyd, (0352 755114). Previews tonight, Mon, 7.45pm, opens Tues, 7.45pm; then Tues-Sat, 7.45pm.

NEW VIDEOS

LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (Artificial Eye, 18): Leos Carax's hymn to Paris and a punk bum's love for a young artist going blind. Over-indulgent, but terrific in spurts. Denis Lavant, Juliette Binoche. 1992.

THE BALLAD OF THE SAD CAFE (Curzon Video, 15): Simon Callow's stark adaptation of Carson McCullers's bizarre tale of sexual conflict in the Depression backwoods. Some remarkable acting (Vanessa Redgrave), though the film leaves one more bemused than enthralled. 1990.

FAR AND AWAY (CIC, 12): Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman flee from Ireland to 19th-century America. Ron Howard's lumbering immigrant epic, with pretty pictures but too little punch. 1992.

THE RAPTURE (20:20 Vision, 18): Disaffected woman (Mimi Rogers, excellent) becomes Born Again Intelligent, provocative exploration of spiritual malaise, written and directed by author Michael Tolkin who was also responsible for *The Player.* 1991.

DANCE

BOLSHOI BALLET: The Bolshoi may not be one of the world's best ballet companies any more, but this "stadium" event is impressive nonetheless: a five-week season offering 37 performances of 12 famous ballets playing to a potential audience of 137,000 in the Albert Hall. What fails to impress is Yuri Grigorovich's idea of condensing full-length works *into less than an hour*, thereby offering three every night. With *The Nutcracker, Ivan the Terrible* and *Legend of Love* on the same bill, it makes for strange programming. Still there is always a *Giselle matinée every Saturday.*
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 8pm, tomorrow, 7.30pm, Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm. *Giselle* matinée, today 2.30pm.

ROYAL BALLET: A welcome triple bill is on offer at Covent Garden. The brilliant neo-classicism of George Balanchine is revealed by his *Apollo*, the choreographer's first collaboration with Stravinsky in 1928, *and his Symphony in C*, a dazzling work set to Bizet. Also on the same bill is *The Judas Tree*, MacMillan's last work for the Royal Ballet and one which quickly became one of his *most controversial, thanks to its* depiction of gang rape and urban violence.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066). Today, Thurs, 7.30pm.

RESOLUTION: Adventurous dance fans may want to dip a toe into this experimental series, a season open to any young British choreographer or company willing to put on their work at their own risk. Best bet this week is on Thursday night, when Ellen van Schuylenburch presents a solo dance and a duet, and the Mark Baldwin Dance Company presents a piece that incorporates *the use of video cameras.*
The Place, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031). Thurs, 8pm.

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

JANACEK FESTIVAL: This imaginatively programmed BBC festival is an ambitious attempt to do justice to the full range of Janáček's music in the space of a weekend. Tonight (8pm) there is a concert performance of the composer's last, uncompleted, opera, *From the House of the Dead*, an extraordinary distillation of *Dostoevsky's vast novel of* Siberian prison-camp life. Andrew Davis conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the chorus of Welsh National Opera, and a strong cast that includes Jan Blinkhof, Kim Begley, Norman Bailey and Ned Jenkins. Tomorrow's events start at 3pm with a piano recital by Radoslav Kvapil.
At 4.30pm Kvapil is joined by the Lindsay Quartet, violinist Ernst Kovacic, cellist Christopher van Kampen and the London Winds in a recreation of the chamber concert which Janáček himself introduced at the Wigmore Hall in 1926. The programme includes the String Quartet No 1, *The Kreutzer Sonata.* Then at 7.30pm Davis and the BBC SO return to perform the Sinfonietta and the Violin Concerto (with Kovacic as the soloist); the programme also includes some unfamiliar choral pieces, performed by the BBC Singers and conducted by Simon Joly.
Barbican, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), today, tomorrow.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: In the second of his Birmingham concerts Pierre Boulez continues his exploration of the milestones of 20th-century music, with performances of Webern's *Passacaglia Op 1*, Bartók's Piano Concerto No 1 (with Krystian Zimmermann the soloist), Debussy's *Nocturnes* and his own *Notations I-IV.* This programme is repeated on Jan 26 at 7.30pm.
Symphony Hall, Birmingham (021-212 3333), Wed, 7.30pm.

FRETWORK: As part of the Wigmore's Early Music and Baroque series, the enterprising string ensemble presents a well-programmed concert under the title "The Royal Consort — Music for Charles I and II". Matthew Locke and Orlando Gibbons are among the composers represented.
Wigmore Hall, London, W1 (071-935 2141), Thurs, 7.30pm.

OPERA

THE ADVENTURES OF MR BROUCEK: English National Opera's new Janáček production has fine performances from Graham Clark, Vivian Tierney and Bonaventura Bottone; but David Pountney's staging, piling in-joke upon in-joke, arguably suffers from an excess of invention and a reluctance to let this quirky and appealing piece speak for itself. Noel Davies takes over from Sir Charles Mackerras in the pit this week.
Coliseum, London, WC2 (071-836 3161), Wed, 7.30pm.

ROCK

CHRIS REA: The man who matches sweet melodies with raw, *emotional vocals begins a* substantial tour promoting his solid, socially aware new album, *God's Great Banana Skin.*
Belfast, King's Hall (0232 665225), Tues, 7pm. **Birmingham**, NEC (021-780 4133), Thurs, Fri, 6.30pm.

JULIAN COPE: Having had to cancel much of last year's "Head-On" tour because of illness, the musical maverick is now back on the road for the rescheduled dates. His latest album, *Jehovahkill*, shows him on top form. He plays four nights at London's Town and Country Club from next Sunday.
Portsmouth, Guildhall (0705 824355), today, 7.30pm. **Birmingham**, Institute (021-643 7788), tomorrow, 7pm. **Nottingham**, Rock City (0602 412544), Mon, 7.30pm. **Norwich**, University of East Anglia (0603 505401), Wed, 7.30pm. *Cambridge, Corn Exchange* (0223 357 851), Thurs, 7.30pm. **Sheffield**, University (0742 753300), Fri, 7.30pm.

NEW FAST AUTOMATIC DAFFODILS: With their second album *Body Exit Mind* showing them on something of a high, the New FADs take their danceable indie pop on tour.
Wolverhampton, University (0902 712901), today, 8pm. *Brighton, Zap Club* (0273 674357), Mon, 8pm. **Treforest**, University of Glamorgan (0443 408227), Tues, 8pm. **Derby**, Wherehouse (0332 381169), Wed, 8pm. **York**, University (0904 433723), Thurs, 9pm.

JAZZ

BILL FRISELL BAND: The accomplished American guitarist draws on a plethora of influences including Jimi Hendrix and Wes Montgomery to produce moving and thought-provoking jazz.
Manchester, Royal Northern College of Music (061-273 4504/5534), Wed, 7.30pm.
London, Queen Elizabeth Hall (071-928 8800), Thurs, 7.45pm.

Bill Frisell: the American guitarist goes on the road

CAROL KIDD: Since her debut album in 1984, this powerful balladeer has increasingly found favour with audiences outside her native Scotland.
Ronnie Scott's, Birmingham (021-643 4525). Mon-next Sat, 8pm.

ROY AYERS: Expect summery compositions from this exuberant vibraphonist. A pianist from early childhood, he started out on his chosen career after Lionel Hampton gave him a pair of mallets when he was five years old.
Ronnie Scott's, London, W1 (071-439 0747), from Mon for two weeks, 8.30pm.

BOOKINGS

IMPRESSIONS DE PELLEAS: Following its Paris airing, Peter Brook's adaptation of Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande* receives its only UK performances in Glasgow. The music has been adapted to two pianos, and the piece, lasting only 100 minutes, will be a concentrated version of the opera. The casting is slightly complicated with central roles taken by different singers on *different evenings.*
Tramway, Glasgow (041-227 5511), Feb 23-27, 8pm.

SUNSET BOULEVARD: Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest musical, based on Billy Wilder's *1950s film starring Gloria Swanson* and William Holden, opens in June. Broadway star Patti Lupone plays the leading role of Norma Desmond, the faded silent-movie star who basks in her former glory. Trevor Nunn directs.
Adelphi Theatre, London, WC2 (071-836 9578), previews from June 21; opens June 29. Booking opens tomorrow.

MACBETH: Alan Howard tackles Shakespeare's villain, one of the classical roles he never attempted in his days with the Royal Shakespeare Company. The new National production is directed by Richard Eyre, with Anastasia Hille as Lady Macbeth. Designs by Bob Crowley and architect Alastair McSpeer; music by Dominic Muldowney.
National (Olivier), London, SE1 (071-928 2252), previews from Mar 26; opens Apr 1; postal booking *now; in person from Feb 8.*

SPRINGBOARD: Eight dancers of the Birmingham Royal Ballet offer a colourful showcase of British choreography in a project designed to enlighten audiences unfamiliar with classical ballet.
Stafford, Gatehouse Theatre (0785 54653), Jan 29, 30. **Telford**, Oakengates Theatre (0952 619020), Feb 5, 6. **Hereford**, New Theatre (0432 359252), Feb 12, 13.

THE PRAGUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Under new artistic director Martin Turnovský the orchestra will tour UK and Ireland. Works by Smetana, Brahms, Dvořak, and, in particular, Janáček are on offer; soloists include Rudolf Firkusny, Clemens Hagan and Raphael Oleg.
Dublin, National Concert Hall (010 3531 711533), Jan 21. **Eastbourne**, *Congress Theatre* (0323 411555), Jan 22. **Leeds**, Town Hall (0532 348080), Jan 23. **London**, Festival Hall (071-928 3800), Jan 24. **Newcastle-Upon-Tyne**, City Hall (091-261 2606), Jan 26. **Huddersfield**, Town Hall (0484 422133), Jan 28. **Middlesbrough**, Town Hall (0642 242561), Jan 29. **Birmingham**, Symphony Hall (021-212 3333), Jan 30.

EXHIBITIONS

GRAVITY AND GRACE: For those who are not quite sure how much of the recent installation art, with its extensive use of found objects, can be called sculpture, this show, chronicling changes in the condition of sculpture between 1965 and 1975, should be an invaluable guide. It includes the work of 20 artists such as Beuys, Serra, Kounellis, Penone and our own Richard Long.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-261 0127). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed, until 8pm), opens Thurs until Mar 14.

ART 93: Some 80 British art dealers are gathered together for this year's London Contemporary Art Fair, now in its fifth edition. Annely Juda is showing a group of important works by Anthony Caro.
Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London, N1 (071-359 3535). Opens Thurs until Jan 24; Thurs, Fri, 11am-8pm, Sat, 11am-6pm, Sun, 11am-4.30pm.

SOUTH BANK PICTURE SHOW: The annual show now in its sixth edition, can never be faulted for lack of variety.
The main prize winners this year, John Dewe Matthews and Bernadette Kerr, both hover powerfully on the edges of abstraction, and the rest range from photo-realism to abstract expressionism.
Foyer Galleries, Festival Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 3002). Daily, 10am-10.30pm, until Jan 24.

BOUDIN AT TROUVILLE: As well as playing a vital role in encouraging the teenage Monet to forsake caricature for painting, Boudin was an important precursor of the Impressionists, and a distinguished figure in his own *right. This is the first extensive* showing in Britain for many years.
Burrell Collection, Pollok Country Park, Glasgow (041-649 7151). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, *Sun, 2-5pm, until Feb 28.*

WORLD OF DRAWINGS AND WATERCOLOURS: This art fair is more specialised than "Art 93", confined, in fact, to works on paper, *but covering a far wider time-*range than with works dating from the 16th century to the present.
The loan exhibition is of 38 drawings of the animal in art from the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.
Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London, W1 (071-499 6321). Opens Wed until Jan 24, Wed-Fri, 11am-8pm, Sat, Sun, 11am-7pm.

Apostle of the North: by Neil MacPherson, Art 93

THE GREAT AGE OF BRITISH WATERCOLOUR: This show reveals that between 1750 and 1880 much of the most innovatory art was done in watercolour. Some 300 works by the most famous British watercolourists make the point irresistibly.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until Apr 12.

RUSKIN AND TUSCANY: Ruskin's most famous Italian connection, both as critic and as artist, was with Venice. But his interest in Tuscany, especially in four important cities Florence, Lucca, Pisa and Siena, was hardly less significant, and a large proportion of the works he gathered together for his Sheffield Museum were connected with it. This show consists of some 270 items illustrating Ruskin's view that the roots of much later European art and architecture lay in Tuscany.
Accademia Italiana, 24 Rutland Gate, London, SW7 (071-225 3474). Tues-Sat, 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 8pm), *Sun 2-5:30pm, until Feb 7.*

ECCO ROMA: This exhibition gathers from the gallery's own collection a series of tributes to the enduring magic of the Eternal City, including works made in Rome by such visitors as Brueghel, Elsheimer, Poussin and others, as well as locals Raphael and Piranesi.
National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 11am-6pm, until Jan 31.

ARTISTS' LONDON: Understandably, since the Royal College of Art is, after all, located in London, the capital has been a constant source of inspiration for its students and teachers. This promises to be the first of a series of shows exploring the impact of London on its various art colleges. The art selected really comes into its own with the second world war: Tube shelter drawings by Henry Moore and bomb-damage paintings by John Piper are included along with Ruskin Spear's evocations of *suburbia*, Carel Weight's city hauntings and Ceri Richards's fantasies of fountains and pigeons.
Museum of London, London Wall, London, EC2 (071-600 3699). *Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-*6pm, until Jan 31.

SAMSUNG GALLERY OF KOREAN ART: An imposing new gallery, sponsored by the Korean electronics company Samsung, *provides a fitting showplace* for the museum's extensive collection of Korean artefacts. This amounts now to more than 600 pieces, beginning in the 5th century and recently augmented by purchases of *contemporary Korean art,* including a work by Lee Manbong.
Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London, SW7 (071-589 6371). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2.30-5.50pm.

TIM HEAD: For this, his most extensive show yet in London, the Lower Gallery has been painted sky-blue and astroturfed to house a series of ink-jet pictures, *Thirteen Most Wanted.*
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 (071-377 0107). Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm (Wed to 8pm), until Feb 28.

SHELLEY: AN INEFFECTUAL ANGEL? A belated London celebration of the bicentenary of Shelley's birth in 1792, this show includes portraits and other Shelley-related art as well as manuscripts, annotated books, rare first editions, his last letter and *even fragments of his ashes.*
British Library Galleries, Great Russell Street, London, WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until Feb 28.

ERIC GILL: The first to *concentrate on Gill's important* sculptures, this show presents him as one of the most brilliant of all stone-carvers. The works combining erotic and religious elements are wonderfully cheery; there is no sense of guilt or even incongruity here.
Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, London, EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon, Wed, Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tues, 10am-5.45pm, Sun midday-6.45pm, until Feb 7.

EVENINGS OUT

CHRISTINA SMITH BUSINESSWOMAN

"It's ages since I've seen anything twice but *Cyrano de Bergerac* with Robert Lindsay at the Haymarket was worth it. What a wonderfully brave actor he is. I enjoyed it enormously in the previews (tears and bravos included) and again when I took a party of friends for a New Year's eve celebration. Recently I have also seen Sir Peter Hall's *An Ideal Husband* at the Globe. It was beautifully done, packed with Wildean one-liners and seems unbelievably up-to-date. I will certainly be going to see Sam Mendes's production of *Richard III* at the renovated Donmar (it's so exciting that it's open again). Afterwards I'll eat locally — either Japanese at the Ajimura or Indian at the Punjab. At a *committee meeting of the Contemporary Arts Society a year or so* ago I remember saying that sculpture needed more of an airing. By coincidence I am currently spoilt for choice, with the works of Eric Gill at the Barbican Centre and the forthcoming exhibition at the Hayward Gallery (opening Thursday, Jan 21) called *Gravity And Grace*, and subtitled "The Changing Condition of Sculpture 1965-1975". ❦

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

WIEDERKOM

(c) A tall, cylindrical, German drinking-vessel, made of glass, adapted from the German *widerkommen* to return, come again: "A glass called a wiederkom was one which was filled, passed round the table and came again empty." "For side-board decoration, the wiederkom or come-again drinking-cups in emerald-hued (Bohemian) glass have always been popular."

PEDALINE

(c) A synthetic straw: "Pedaline, synthetic straw made of hemp fiber covered with Cellophane and woven between cotton threads. Made chiefly in Japan."

INCHE

***(b) In Malaysia, a prefixed title signifying respect, used for persons with no other special distinction, equivalent to Mr, from the Malay enche', enchek, enchik,* master, mistress: "Inche Sawal was a great stickler for grammar." "Inche Ghafar clarified today that he had not made any offer for the formation of a coalition government."**

FLUB

(a) To botch or bungle something, also intransitive, US colloquialism. Origin unknown, hence as a substantive, something badly or clumsily performed, a slip-up; Wodehouse, *Heart of a Goof*: "The spectacle of a flubber flubbing ahead of us on the fairway inclines to make us flub as well." John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*: "In my younger days I played tennis. A servant could pick up his master's flubs at doubles."

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Shock of domesticity for a working girl called Prudence

"I could give you your cheque back right now. I could, honest," Farmer Phelps said in a Gloucestershire accent as rich as the county's cheese. "I don't want to see her go, honest I don't."

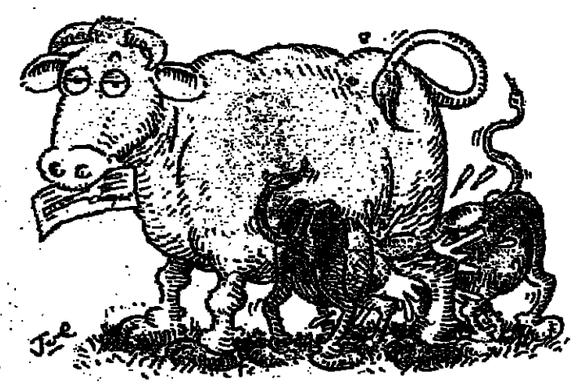
This touching scene was enacted at the door to his cowshed as I reversed my trailer towards it, a wide-eyed red cow watching my every move.

"Get Mother to come and hold this gate," he called to his son as he man-handled an iron hurdle to form a race down which the cow could run. But we did not need Mother. The red cow merely followed her inquisitive calves who had bravely led the way, and with a few footsteps she was up the ramp and in the trailer, sniffing the hay, counting her calves, and giving me the haughty look of a lady who wishes it to be known that she needs no help at all when it comes to climbing ramps.

"I don't like to see 'em go, that I don't," Farmer Phelps said. The only thought that prevented him from bursting into tears was, perhaps, the fact that not only was this fine cow returning to the land of her forebears — she is a Red Poll, a native breed of East Anglia — but she is to spend the rest of her days on a farm not much different from the one she has left.

Like ours, the Phelps's farm is out of its time: he is a commercial farmer who depends on his dairy herd for a living, but his attitudes and his practices are closer to what we do here than on any other commercial farm I have visited. Minimal amounts of artificial fertilisers are used, and stock is fed simply and traditionally on home-grown hay and cereals. This in itself is not all that rare; but what sets him apart is his unswerving devotion to the Red Poll cow, an old and officially rare breed that a less enlightened farmer would consider to be as obsolete as the steam engine. It is true that the mightier animals produced by massive continental beasts appear to be a more profitable bet; but over a pipe Mr Phelps passed on his wisdom. "An old farmer told me that it's not how much of it is owed to somebody else." A big beast will make more beef, yet it might have cost more to put the flesh on him. "Trouble with farmers," said Phelps, "is they follow fashion. No one worse than a farmer for that."

But fashions change and some farmers are beginning to appreciate the virtues of the older native breeds which they have been happy to ditch over the last 50 years. It is good news for Red Poll cattle, for they are a truly dual purpose breed, able to provide rich milk in abundance and beef marbled lightly with flavour-giving fat: a sensible beast from a more sensible age.



Phelps and I parted before emotion overcame us both and I pointed the cow, called Prudence, eastwards. I took her for a big-dipper ride along Cotswold lanes which she did not mind; but the succession of roundabouts known as Milton Keynes had her bellowing. After six hours we arrived home and she ambled down the ramp, sniffed the air, nosed her calves into the shed and took deep draughts of water.

But life is never going to be the same for Prudence. All her working days she has been a dairy cow, robbed of her calves after a week and put to work to produce milk for the ladies of Cheltenham to pour daintily into their tea. Prudence has worked for her daily bread, spent hours in the clanking milking parlour, being sucked dry. She has not complained; it was her career.

But now, in mid-life, she must change. She must learn to be a full-time, stay-at-home mother. It could be quite a shock for a working woman to suddenly find that her cosy, office-life routine of the milking parlour is replaced by the constant pestering of her young offspring demanding meals at all hours. Still, she can always turn to our white cow, Sage, for advice. Sage has made a career out of motherhood, has raised five strapping calves of her own, and knows precisely the moment when the loving has to stop and the butting with her shiny nose has to begin.

With Sage's help, Prudence will learn all these tricks in time. But for the moment she looks a little bewildered. Her calves are fiercely nosing her udder, demanding more, and those quiet contented days when she had endless hours to herself in which to do no more than chew her cud seem far behind.

There is a look in her eye which tells me that she rather regrets I had not seized back the cheque the moment it was offered.

TONY WHITE

Cornucopia of lasting colour: Caroline Alexander and her husband, William, make and sell 200,000 bunches of dried flowers and grasses a year, using more than 60 varieties

The drying art of flowers for all seasons

Farming cutbacks led the Alexander family into a fascinating and profitable new business venture. **Bea Cowan** reports

In a converted cart lodge, Caroline Alexander gathers swathes of dried flowers, grasses and seedheads. She is preparing displays to lighten a large fireplace and a dark corner of a room. The flowers include blue cornflower, white achillea, yellow solidago, and mauve artichoke.

"I like dried arrangements which reflect the way things grow naturally," she says. "But in another place something formal may well be better. It depends entirely on your room or need."

Soft greys of eucalyptus and blue echinops set off terracotta carthamus and dark-red amaranthus. Gold and green grasses combine with rare flowers, such as carline thistle, that Mrs Alexander has recently developed.

The different shades, some gentle, some vibrant, the strong shapes and textures are all part of the wide selection of dried flowers and grasses she and her husband, William, sell at The Hop Shop at their farm in the Darenth valley, near Shoreham in Kent.

With more than 60 varieties available, all grown on the downland slopes nearby, even in the depths of winter there is something for any room or taste. The shop is proof that a small business can flourish in a gloomy climate, economic or seasonal.

Their collection is the result of an idea the Alexanders had one autumn morning six years ago. In the dawn bustle of Covent Garden flower market at Nine Elms, south-west London, they saw bunches of dried flowers selling fast. Most of them were imported. "Why not grow and sell our own?" they thought. They were already selling the dried climbing stems of hops after the autumn harvest to pubs and hotels.

Mr Alexander was looking for ways to diversify from traditional farming to meet the changes of the Common Agricultural Policy. Together they began to explore ways to make the dried-flowers idea a reality.

Earlier, Mr Alexander had won a Venture cash award offered by the National Westminster Bank and the National Farmers' Union for farming-related enterprises, and with part of the proceeds they went to Holland to meet the world's flower suppliers.

They explored the range of flowers and grasses that would respond to drying and began to research the different means of production, packaging and marketing. They gathered information wherever they could, and experimented at home with the rest.

They started with grasses familiar to them from their wheat growing and practised drying techniques on these. Their earliest experiments included drying grasses such as millet and rye in the kitchen above the Aga. Then they moved on to an ever-widening range of flowers.

"We were constantly finding out new things," Mrs Alexander says. "Choosing the exact moment to harvest the flowers and grasses is crucial: it makes all the difference to their ability to retain colour, and the length of time they will last. It is also vital to select the right temperature and speed for drying the different varieties."

They continue to develop that aspect of production as well as researching new and forgotten flowers. Mr Alexander's sense of business management and his interest in horticultural research combines well with his wife's training in garden design.

At different stages in their venture, the Alexanders made important decisions. At the start they decided not to compete with the Dutch in the range of flowers, but settled for developing a smaller selection that included new and unusual items, such as the carline thistle.

More recently, after a business management course, they chose to limit immediate expansion. "We felt it far better to consolidate what we have achieved so far and concentrate on the 30 acres we have developed. We try to keep a scrupulous eye on quality and maintain personal contact with our customers," Mrs Alexander says.

This means a constant watch, from the moment the first seeds are sown in the spring to the time, in late November, when the last flowers have been dried. Each of the 60 annuals, perennials and grasses requires individual care and attention. The bunches are cut by hand, stems always a specified length. They hang to dry in kilns designed by Mr Alexander.

Some are subtly dyed. All are then carefully boxed and kept in humidity-controlled stores to retain their full potential for design and colour co-ordination.

Since they began, demand for the flowers has increased each year, trebling for each of the first three years, doubling each year since then. The kilns, which can dry 10,000 bunches at a time, are working non-stop from mid-summer until well into late autumn.

In all, the Alexanders produce about 200,000 bunches of flowers and grasses a year, which sell for an average of £2-£3. They supply trade and retail customers from their shop and by mail order, throughout this country and abroad.

The ultimate seal of approval lies in the Alexanders' three gold medals, awarded by the Royal Horticultural Society at its Westminster shows in autumn 1991 and 1992. These are the only gold medals ever awarded by the society for dried-flower displays. As a result, the Alexanders have been invited to exhibit at the Chelsea Flower Show in May.

A founder member of the British Dried Flowers Association, a nationwide group of producers, Mrs Alexander finds her insistence on quality has paid off by overcoming early doubts among buyers about the reliability of the consistency of British dried flowers.

For the Alexanders, The Hop Shop is more than just a successful new business. It is something they have built up together and enjoy. With the rest of the farm to run, and with three young children at home, time is always at a premium but the Alexanders have no doubt their dawn idea has proved worthwhile.

● *The Hop Shop, Castle Farm, Shoreham, Kent TN14 7UB (0959 523219, fax 0959 524220). Open Sat 10am-5pm, weekdays 1-5pm. Brochure on request.* Dried Flower Gardening *by Joanna Sheen and Caroline Alexander (Ward Lock, £14.95) from Mrs Alexander, plus £2 P&P.*

'Choosing the exact moment to harvest the flowers and grasses is crucial: it makes all the difference to their ability to retain colour, and the length of time they last'

Feather report

To whit: the owl

TAWNY owls are beginning to be noisy at nights, as they start courting and quarrelling over their breeding territories for spring.

They spend their days sleeping in ivy on a tree-trunk, or in a hollow tree, and they rarely emerge in daylight. But as dusk falls they fly out quite boldly, and can often be seen silhouetted against the night sky on television aerials or high lamp-posts. Most often, though, they draw attention to their presence in the darkness by their cries.

The traditional version of their call, "tu-whit, tu-whoo", although accurate, runs together two separate calls, the first often made by the female and the second by the male. The sharp "tu-whit" is a contact call, quite commonly heard on its own in the woods and parks. The long, wavering hooting "tu-whoo" is the male's reply to a contact call from its mate. There will be a lot of such noise in the shrubberies from now on.

Otherwise, the owls devote the night to feeding. With their large eyes, which face forward and give them good binocular vision, they can see most of what is going on in the darkness; and with their soft wings they can sail silently down on to an unsuspecting mouse.

It is not often you get a chance to look a tawny owl in the face, but if you do, you see that it has a clock-like face set in the tower of its head and neck, with a white cross in the middle of the disc like a hot cross bun, and dark eyes in the angles either side of the cross.

There is another common owl in England and Wales, of which you often get a good view. This is the little owl, a daylight wanderer across the pastures and cornfields. This owl comes from central and eastern Europe, and was first successfully introduced in this country in the 1890s. It has become a thoroughly British bird by now. Driving slowly down a country road, you can find a little owl standing on a gatepost, staring back at you from beneath its white eyebrows. It bobs up and down nervously, then goes off with a looping flight, like a woodpecker.

In February, the little owls will begin to be noisy in their turn. They can be heard a long way off on a still day, yelping, or calling with an excited "whee-oo".

The other owl of ordinary farmland, the barn owl, is not so common as it used to be. It has white underparts and its wings are completely white beneath: if it flies towards you at night in an ill-lit lane, or gets caught in the headlights of a car, it can look extremely ghostly. It also has a blood-curdling nocturnal cry, which has given it the name of "screech owl".

When the weather is severe and mice are hard to come by, barn owls will come out to feed before dark, and then a solitary individual can sometimes be seen at the edge of a field, flying to and fro systematically as it inspects the ground on its long wings.

Finally, there are two owls with ears — or, more accurately, ear tufts, as owls all have excellent hearing. These are the short-eared and long-eared owls.

Short-eared owls are birds of marsh and moorland, predominantly found down the eastern side of Britain in winter. They are daytime hunters and quarter the land for voles, with the most remarkable aerial movements of all the British owls — rolling, half-halting, banking and gliding.

The long-eared owl is the most mysterious of them all, and has not been seen by many people. Most of them pass the day in thick spruce firs, sitting on a branch pressed up against the trunk. Their ear tufts are really long, and they have a moaning, triple hoot.

DERWENT MAY

● **What's about:** *Birders — Listen for robins singing at night by artificial lights. Twitchers — spotted sandpiper at Highbridge, Somerset; Cory's shearwater at Filey Brigg, North Yorkshire. Details from Birdline, 0898 700222.*

Noises off: the tawny owl hides all day but flies out boldly at dusk

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Playing Chinese check-outs

Fiona Beckett samples the delights and mysteries of a huge Chinese supermarket in Birmingham, which has everything from black fungus soup to tincture of tiger bone

Best seller: David Lam, assistant manager, shows off the Sunday special at Wing Yip, in Nechells

Bargain spotting: shoppers scour the aisles for hard-to-find ingredients for Chinese meals

The prawns alone make the trip to Wing Yip worthwhile. Tail-on king prawns for just £10.55 a kg (2.2lb), roughly half the normal price. The 2lb bags of uncooked king prawns cost £6.15. Cheaper still are ordinary frozen prawns at £4.05 for 3lb. Hang on, there are bags of oyster meat at an unbelievable £4.35 for 500g (1.4lb) and 2kg of Australian scallops for £17.90.

It is hard not to get carried away at Wing Yip, Britain's best known Chinese cash-and-carry, now busily gearing up for the Chinese New Year next weekend. Situated in Nechells, on the outskirts of Birmingham, it occupies a three and a half acre site and serves 90 per cent of the Chinese restaurants and take-aways in the area.

Wheel your trolley down its aisles and you can choose from a bewildering 2,500 lines, from beansprouts to bamboo steamers and brilliantly cheap woks (from £3.95). But it is not just bargains that the customers go for but the opportunity to buy obscure ingredients, from hard-to-find fresh dim sum and won ton wrappers to hard-to-digest fried conger pike maw (which looks like a giant prawn cracker) and 1,000-year-old duck eggs (black and jelly-like), which are, in fact, two months old.

There are jars of pickled lettuce and Coconut Sport Strings (a Malaysian dessert topping for ice-cream, custards or pies), tins of Bo Bo Cha Cha (another dessert, this time from Singapore) and black fungus soup, packets of flavoured tea eggs and green pea snacks.

Alongside are familiar British household names, curiously out of place. Marigold gloves, Heinz tomato ketchup, After Eight mints, large packets of frozen chips just a couple of compartments down from the bulk bags of frozen chicken and ducks' feet.

Many of the products are health oriented. There is a whole cabinet of ginseng products and a large selection of Japanese health drinks fortified with vitamin C. Rheumatics can seek relief with tincture of tiger bone, while the rest of us would probably benefit from double swallow essence of chicken with swallows' nest, "efficacious to the lungs, sperms and for general weakness, strain, excessive work and tiredness".

"In China you are what you eat," says Wing Yip. "We have a saying that all problems come from the mouth. What comes out of it — that is what you say — and what you put into it — what you eat. If you're careful what you say and choose what you eat, you're free from trouble and free from illness."

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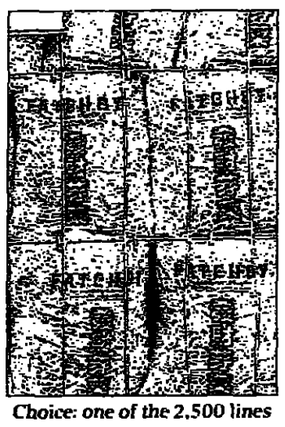

Choice: one of the 2,500 lines

Mr Yip came to Britain from his native Hong Kong in the late 1950s and started work as a waiter in Clacton, Essex. Within a few months he had persuaded the chef to leave with him and set up their own restaurant in a first-floor cafeteria over Timothy Whites.

"It was the right idea in the right place at the right time," he says. "During the high season, there were 8,000 people a week visiting the local Butlins holiday camp and nowhere to go in the evening. Most hotels were residents only and took their last orders at nine o'clock."

Within two years Mr Yip and his partners had three restaurants and a take-away. Within ten years, he had decided there was a better business in supplying restaurants than running them, and he opened his first supplier's shop in Birmingham. Twenty years on he has three major cash-and-carries (in Birmingham, London and Manchester), a turnover of about £45 million a year and a 250-strong workforce.

The Nechells store, the latest and largest, opened a year ago. It is the ultimate one-stop shopping experience with an on-site Chinese doctor, dentist, lawyer, immigration adviser, travel agent and architect, working from purpose-built units.

There is even an authentic Chinese restaurant on site, serving more than 150 dishes, including crispy fried pork intestine and duck tongues in black bean sauce.

At 55, Mr Yip shows no sign of flagging. A self-confessed workaholic, he has been known to spend Sundays gathering up trolleys in the car park, according to his secretary, Barbara.

He whizzes round the aisles, greeting unknown customers like long-lost friends. "Hello. You like wine?" he says cheerily to a couple with a pair of bottles in their trolley. "Do you cook Chinese?" he asks another. "Yes, we're just beginning to." "Good, good," says Mr Yip.

Suddenly he vanishes, re-emerging with a handful of packet sauces. "Look," he says proudly, pointing to a sachet of exotic Thai-style tom ka paste. "just 30p. That's fantastic value. I don't know if they put the price right."

Sauces, it appears, are one of Wing Yip's best selling lines. "In China, the important thing is not what you eat but the sauce you put it in," says Mr Yip. "In the old days the last course at a banquet very often used to be a coin in sauce. You'd pick it up with your chopsticks and suck the sauce off. If the sauce was good you'd leave the coin on the table. If it was bad, you pocketed the coin. So you see, sauce is very important."

Beef with black bean sauce
(serves 4)

- 8oz/225g steak
- 1 small onion, halved and sliced
- 1 green pepper, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1tsp grated root ginger
- ½tsp salt
- ½tsp sugar
- 1tbsp soy sauce
- 2tbsp dry sherry
- 3tbsp salted black beans, crushed
- 4 fl oz/120ml water
- 1tsp cornflour
- 3tbsps oil
- sesame oil

Slice the beef into small slivers. Heat the wok before adding one tbsp oil. Cook the beef till just done and remove, keeping it warm. Heat the remaining oil and stir fry the garlic, ginger, and black beans for one minute. Then add the onion and green pepper. Add the water, sherry, soy sauce, salt and sugar and simmer for two minutes.

Dissolve the cornflour in a little water and thicken the sauce before returning the beef to the wok. Stir in a few dashes of sesame oil before serving. Serve with boiled rice and vegetables.

● *Wing Yip, 375 Nechells Park Road, Nechells, Birmingham B7 5NT (021-327 6618). Branches: 395 Edgware Road, London NW2 (081-450 0422) and Oldham Road, Ancoats, Manchester (061-832 3215). Open Mon-Sat, 9.30am-6pm; Sun, 10.30am-6pm.*

RESTAURANT WATCH

The newest and the best for eating out in London

HOT ICE
Granita
127 Upper Street, Islington, London N1
(071-226 3222)
Vikki Leffman and Ahmed Kharshoum are turning away would-be customers every night at Granita, their stark new restaurant in Islington. No signature dishes but "always a salad, a soup, a pasta, grilled fish and a chocolate cake" on the short menu. Dinner Tuesday to Sunday nights, 6.30pm-midnight (last orders 10.30pm), £18-£25 a head all in. Lunch Wednesday to Sunday, 12.30-2.30pm, two courses £11.50, three courses £13.50.

MEAT'S OFF
The Vegetarian Cottage
91 Haverstock Hill, London NW3
(071-586 1257)
Opening on Monday night, The Vegetarian Cottage aims to provide the most authentic Chinese vegetarian food in Britain. Nonetheless, the menu includes a section of fish and seafood dishes. Chef Wong Cheuk-Kuen has been recruited from Heung Chik Keun, the oldest vegetarian restaurant in Hong Kong. Dinner 6-11.30pm daily. Sundays noon-11.30pm.

PIGEON POST
Ransome's Dock
35-37 Parkgate Road, London SW11
(071-223 1611)
Good reports are signalled for Martin Lam's venture in the Battersea docklands' ice-factory conversion. Mr Lam now does all the cooking himself, concentrating on British modern food. Open 11am-11pm Monday to Friday, noon-midnight Saturday, and noon-3.30pm Sunday. Set lunch, two courses, £10.50. Average meal, with wine and service, £22-£25.

SNIP OF THE WEEK
Nico at Ninety
90 Park Lane, London W1
(071-409 1290)
From Monday, Nico Ladenis is extending the £25 three-course lunch menu at his new restaurant under the wing of the Grosvenor House Hotel. Now there will be ten starters, ten main courses and eight puddings to choose from. Open noon-2pm, Monday to Friday. The dinner menu, 7-11pm Monday to Friday, is twice the price.

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The chemical formula for a fruity nose

Jane MacQuitty explains the esoteric science behind the bouquet of wine

Wine tastes of fruit, the whole fruit and, very often, nothing but the fruit. Occasionally, readers grumble that my fruity tasting notes are far-fetched. But the truth is that wine tastes like bananas or raspberries, or both, precisely because the same chemical compounds have been found in fruit and wine. Even masterly Hugh Johnson, not known for his purple prose, acknowledges that "this deliberate approach to description by analysis can be extremely effective and surprisingly accurate".

For years, oenologists have known about this correlation between wine and fruit. But it was not until the arrival of the gas chromatograph and mass spectrometer, capable of separating out and identifying the myriad smells of wine, that the relationship between wine and fruit bowl could be proved. Alcohols, aldehydes and esters are the three chief smell components of wine and, typically, it is the Americans who have got furthest down the road to finding out which of these volatile compounds belongs to what fruit. Encouragingly, no machine has yet got close to the impressive capabilities of the trained human nose, able correctly to identify, blind, hundreds of grapes and wines that are undetectable by scientific equipment.

Romantics will not want to know that the reason why beaujolais smells of bananas is partly because of the presence of amyl acetate in the gamay grape. Or that young white burgundy and other chardonnays often reek of pineapple because of ethyl caprylate, among other substances.

The chemical and fruit picture gets more complicated still with the realisation that one scent is the result of a complicated combination of compounds, for example, methoxy-isobutyl pyrazine. Isobutyl pyrazine, in particular, is responsible for the green-pepper-like odour often found in new world cabernets from California and Australia. Occasionally, wine science illuminates ampelography, the study of the vine and grape varieties, in a way that wine tasters do not always realise for themselves. It was not until an Australian wine maker explained that the muscat, riesling and gewürztraminer grapes all contained some of the same chemical compounds, namely terpineol, linalool and geraniol, although in varying proportions, that I fully realised the taste connections between the three.

One of America's most useful gifts to the wine-tasting world is the wine aroma wheel, developed by the University of California at Davis. Here the "fruity" division of the wheel is divided into five main sections: citrus (grapefruit, lemon and orange), berry (blackberry, raspberry, strawberry and blackcurrant), tree fruit (cherry, apricot, peach, pear, apple), tropical fruit (pineapple, melon, banana) and finally dried fruit (strawberry jam, raisin, prune and fig). Each fruit included in the wheel only won its place after much academic tasting and testing. What is good enough for the University of California, it seems to me, is good enough for the rest of us.

Initially, what might confuse wine drinkers who have visited wine regions and tasted the grapes on the vine there is how rarely they seem to taste of the end product. Above all other factors, such as soil, climate and man's input, the choice of grape determines the final taste of the wine in the bottle. But often the variety's taste is locked away in the skin of the grape, waiting to be fully released during fermentation and only barely discernible to the novice taster. The only grapes that reek of the bottled wine straight from the vine are those belonging to the muscat family. Bite into a ripe muscat grape and the sweet, musky, perfumed, exhilarating flavours of a good muscat wine are instantly recognisable. These are known as primary fruit aromas, and it is true that the taste of the grapes themselves is usually enhanced by the addition of secondary, or fermentation, aromas. Even the most neutral of white wine grapes, such as the ugni blanc and colombard, acquire some very pleasant banana, pear-drop and other scents after cold fermentation, partly because of isoamyl acetate.

TREVOR WOOD

Nothing but the fruit: grape varieties share chemical compounds with other fruits

So which, apart from those made with the muscat grape, are the fruitiest wines of all? Beaujolais made from the cherry scented gamay grape (that is benzaldehyde cyanohydrin, by the way) is a good contender as it also reeks of raspberries and bananas. My vote for the most obviously fruity white grape has to go to the gewürztraminer, whose lychee-like scent can be overwhelming. Other obvious white grape and fruit combinations include the scheurebe and grapefruit, chardonnay and pineapple or melon, plus, of course, sauvignon blanc and gooseberries.

Good pinot noir, still something of a rarity in the wine world, can be as fresh and fruity as the gamay grape. The best smell of strawberries and victoria plums, sometimes damsons. The dark, perfumed syrah grape is another fruity, albeit tannic, red grape, and, again, top examples, whether they are from Australia or the Rhône, have lots of ripe blackberry fruit. By comparison the blackcurrany fruit of the cabernet sauvignon grape can be more austere. But top-flight cabernet from hot countries and ripe Bordeaux years oozes with juicy cassis fruit.

Fruitiest buys

● **1990 Côtes du Rhône, Cépage Syrah, Jean Lionnet,** *Laytons, 20 Midland Road, London NW1, £6.26*
Made exclusively from the syrah grape, this remarkable Rhône red manages to combine raspberries, blackberries and cassis in one gorgeously rich, fruity mouthful.

● **1991 St Amour, Domaine de la Pirolette, Georges Duboeuf,** *Thresher, Wine Rack and Bottoms Up, £6.99*
A great winter beaujolais with plenty of ripe, juicy cherry and blackcurrant fruit.

● **1991 Matua Valley, Sauvignon Blanc,** *Sainsbury's £5.25*
A top New Zealand sauvignon whose intense, herbaceous gooseberry fruit is a classic example of this grape.

● **1988 La Crema,** *Oddbins £4.99*
Top manure California pinot noir whose rich plum and liquorice fruit, plus a keen price, shows that it is not just burgundy which succeeds with this grape.

● **1991 Alsace Gewürztraminer, Turckheim,** *Thresher, Wine Rack, Bottoms Up, £5.99*
Stacked with spicy, lychee-scented fruit, this full-bodied Alsace white comes from one of the region's top co-operatives.

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Fresh, wet and make it snappy

Frances Bissell presents tempting ways with a variety of fish for cooks in a hurry

FISH is one of the best possible ingredients for the cook in a hurry. Unlike meat, it is already tender and needs cooking only to the point of making it palatable and, like an egg, to set the protein. I am suspicious of instructions which suggest that, when cooked, fish should flake easily from the bone. To me, that is almost overcooked. Certainly the flesh should have lost most of its translucence, but it should still be juicy and moist, particularly near the bone.

Really fresh fish can be exquisite raw, as in Japanese sushi and sashimi, and the current favourites, tartares and carpaccios of fish such as salmon and tuna. I discovered long ago that the less expensive fish can also be eaten raw. I have marinated sardine fillets in coconut milk and lime juice; chopped fresh, skinned mackerel fillets and mixed them with sliced spring onions, soy sauce and toasted sesame oil; and cured mackerel in the same way that I make gravad lax.

The price of sole, bass, turbot, red mullet and John Dory puts these fish into the luxury food class, but herrings and mackerel cost about £1 a lb, squid and huss a little more. Coley is not expensive and very versatile. Cod and, particularly, haddock are in danger of being over-fished, in relatively short supply and no longer inexpensive.

When I want to cook fish, which I usually do two or three times a week, I try not to have any fixed menu in mind. Instead, I let my fishmonger tell me what is fresh that day. Recently, I have cooked milky white, fresh huss, squid and mackerel. The huss I have cooked in a Thai-style curry, but my favourite way to cook it is as they do it in the bars in Cadiz. The fish is cut across into small, two-bite size steaks, dipped in sherry vinegar, tossed in seasoned flour and then fried in olive oil.

Today's mackerel recipe has unusual origins, based on a dish of grilled sardine fillets on couscous, which I was served at the elegant Pierrot restaurant in the Mandarin Oriental hotel in Hong Kong. Alongside the sophisticated caviare and tuna tartare, it was a simple dish made from inexpensive ingredients: full of flavour, colour and texture.

The fish and potato pie has long been one of my favourites. I like to use a mixture of white fish, such as coley or conger eel, and a little undyed smoked haddock.

To drink with these and other fish dishes, I have several favourites. These include the fragrant and fruity Albarino, which comes from Galicia in northwest Spain, Sauvignon Blanc (which I particularly like with smoked-fish dishes) from Canterbury on New Zealand's South Island, and the soft, flowery whites of Gaillac in southwestern France.

Fish and potato pie

(serves 4-6)

1½lb/680g potatoes (Cyprus Spunta are good now)
6 bay leaves
butter or olive oil for greasing dish
salt, pepper
1-1½lb/455-680g white fish fillet, skinned and cut into 1in/2.5cm chunks

Peel and thinly slice the potatoes. Tip them into a large pan of boiling water and cook, stirring with a fork occasionally to separate the slices. When almost cooked, drain and rinse, saving some of the water to make a thin sauce.

Sauce

½oz/15g butter
½oz/15g flour
½pt/70ml potato water
½pt/70ml fish stock or white wine or semi-skimmed milk
1-2tbsp stabilised yoghurt or cream

Melt the butter in a saucepan, stir in the flour and cook for a few minutes. Gradually add the hot potato water, stirring continuously and moving the pan off the heat to ensure a smooth mixture, before allowing it to thicken on cooking. Stir in the next batch of liquid and, when smooth, return the pan to the heat and allow to cook gently for ten minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the yoghurt or cream.

Grease an oven-proof dish, place a couple of bay leaves on the bottom and line the dish with several layers of sliced potatoes. Season lightly and place two more bay leaves on top. Arrange the fish in the dish, season lightly, spoon some of the sauce over the fish and cover with the remaining sliced potatoes, tucking in the bay leaves.

Carefully pour more sauce over the pie and place it in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, and bake for 25 minutes. Turn the heat up to 200C/400F, gas mark 6, for 5-10 minutes to brown the top.

Unstabilised yoghurt added to dishes that require further cooking — sauces, soups and casseroles — will curdle unless the temperature is kept below boiling point. To stabilise the yoghurt, first stir a tsp of cornflour into a tbsp of cold water. Stir this into a pint of yoghurt, pour into a saucepan, bring just to simmering point, and simmer gently for ten minutes.

Grilled mackerel and couscous

(serves 4-6)

2 medium to large mackerels, filleted
3tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1tsp ground cumin
1tsp ground coriander
½tsp ground allspice
½tsp salt
½tsp freshly ground black pepper
¾lb/350g couscous, prepared according to the instructions on the packet
1 lemon
toasted flaked almonds
fresh mint leaves or parsley or coriander

Cut each fillet into three or four neat pieces. Mix the oil with the spices and seasoning and brush over the fish. Have a grill, griddle or cast-iron frying pan oiled and hot. Place the pieces of fish with the skin side to the heat. Cook for 3-5 minutes, depending on how thick the fish is and how well done you like it. Remove from heat. Grate lemon zest and stir into couscous. Heap the couscous on a platter and put the fish pieces on top. Sprinkle with lemon juice and decorate with the toasted almonds and herbs.

Choose trout, grey mullet, herrings, mackerel or codling for a tasty and inexpensive baked fish. In season, sardines are excellent baked in the oven with the subtle fragrance of fresh bay leaves.

Baked fish with bay leaves

(serves 4-6)

2lb/900g whole fish, scaled, gutted and cleansed
12-18 bay leaves
extra virgin oil
2tbsp white wine or dry vermouth
1-2tsp coarse sea salt

With a sharp knife, ease the skin away from the flesh, starting from the belly, and without breaking or removing the skin. Insert bay leaves under the skin and pull it back into place. Brush the fish and an oven-proof dish with oil. Put the fish in the dish, sprinkle with wine or vermouth, and scatter the salt on top. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for 25-45 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fish, with the fish covered with foil for the first 15-20 minutes or so. Four small trout will cook more quickly than one large grey mullet. Serve straight from the dish with boiled or steamed potatoes.

Thai-style squid curry

(serves 4-6)

2lb/900g whole squid, or 1½lb/680g prepared squid
1 onion, peeled and thinly sliced, or 2 leeks, white parts only, thinly sliced
2 or 3 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed
1tbsp ground-nut oil
1-2tbsp Thai green curry paste, or dry Thai spice or curry mix, according to taste
3oz/85g creamed coconut
1 lime
2tsp brown sugar
3 or 4 Kaffir lime leaves (from oriental grocers)

Clean, skin and slice the whole squid, including the tentacles. Rinse the squid and dry it on paper towels. Gently fry the onion or leeks until wilted and then add the garlic in the oil. Stir in the curry paste or powder and let it cook for a few minutes. Stir in the squid and cook until it just firms up and becomes opaque. Add the creamed coconut. With the cooking juices from the squid, this should give sufficient liquid. The curry should be quite thick but, if necessary, add a little water. Grate in the lime zest, stir in the sugar, sufficient lime juice to taste and the shredded lime leaves. The squid only needs about 15-20 minutes cooking. This fragrant curry is best served with mounds of steamed rice.

● The Covent Garden Fish Book, *by Philip Diamond (Kyle Cathie, £9.99) is a good guide to buying, preparing and cooking fish. The author runs Covent Garden Fishmongers, Chiswick, west London.*

● *If you do not have a local fishmonger or supermarket with a wet-fish counter, you can get fish by mail-order from Thoby Young Fresh Food (071-402 5414). Specialities include fish from Cornwall. "Catch of the day" and "prime catch" provide 7-10lb of prepared, ready-to-cook fish for £49.50 and £59.50, respectively, including delivery — which may make it worth your while goes shares with friends.*

DIANA LEADBETTER

Success on a Suffolk slab

From marine biologist to fishmonger, Stephen Appleby is a happy man

Consider this proposition. If you were going to open an upmarket fishmonger's, selling oysters, lobsters and parrot fish, in the middle of a recession, would you site it in a small Suffolk village? Well, Stephen Appleby has done it, and he is making a mint.

Mr Appleby, who favours the woolly-jumpered Richard Branson style of management, has two shops — one in Eye and the other in Framlingham — which trade under the name Brown & May ("we opened in May, and Brown just sounded right"). He also has a £1.5 million wholesale business.

The Eye shop is minute but irresistible. In the window top-quality sole, turbot and brill lie among gaudy pink and turquoise parrot fish and rosy red bream. Around them are artfully arranged wicker baskets of fresh clams, shimmering silver trout, herrings and sprats and tiny bright pink shrimps.

The Framlingham shop, which is slightly larger, also carries a range of superior frozen fish, from halibut and swordfish to shark — not, in short, the kind of fish you would expect most customers regularly to include in their weekly shopping.

The fact that they do is a tribute to Mr Appleby's chutzpah. Where other fishmongers are falling by the wayside, complaining of unfair competition from supermarket wet-fish counters, draconian new hygiene rules and customers who can no longer be bothered with fish, he is looking to expand his business.

Supermarkets? Pah, they can't do fresh fish. Hygiene regulations? No problem if you keep one jump ahead. Public distaste for fishbones? "Nonsense. People like bones because they can make stock with them."

Mr Appleby, who was born and bred in Suffolk, developed his enthusiasm for the sea at an early age. After studying marine biology at the University of Stirling, he went to work for merchant bank Arbuthnot Latham, which felicitously dispatched him to the Caribbean to conduct a feasibility study on the development of a fishing industry in the Dominican Republic or, as Mr Appleby puts it, "to try out various bits of fishing gear".

After other assorted excursions, including a spell studying herring spawning patterns off Ireland, he decided to set up his own wholesale business, supplying salmon to the catering trade. "We soon found if we were running round delivering salmon it made sense to supply them with everything else as well," he says.

The enterprise has rapidly expanded to cover some 380 hotels and restaurants across East Anglia.

The retail side developed four years ago because Mr Appleby's wife, Sally, was frustrated by all the empty shops in the village. "She said why didn't we open a fish shop? There wasn't any deep market analysis behind it. To be honest, it didn't cost a fortune. The day we opened coincided with the WI market, and we had queues out of the door.

"The fish business doesn't lend itself to nationwide shops and regimented systems. You can't send fish out from central depots. You've got to be quick. I can buy fish at seven and have it in my shops by nine. If we find fish at a good price, we'll pass it on.

"The key is to buy the best — with fish you can't turn bad into good. We have a policy of buying off the small boats, which are only at sea for one night. Very often the fish is still in rigor mortis. I've picked up dover soles at the market still flapping."

The other keys to Mr Appleby's success, he believes, are high standards of hygiene and first-class displays. "I take the staff up to Harrods and Selfridges from time to time to look at the displays. We're always on the lookout for new ideas. We're a traditional fishmonger but we've tried to set up the shops so they don't look like public lavatories," he says.

FIONA BECKETT

● *Brown & May is at 7a Broad Street, Eye, Suffolk (0379 870805) and at Market Hill, Framlingham, Suffolk (0728 724398). Both shops are open from 9am-5pm, Mon-Sat.*

BRYN COLTON

On display: Stephen Appleby goes to Harrods for inspiration for his shop-window

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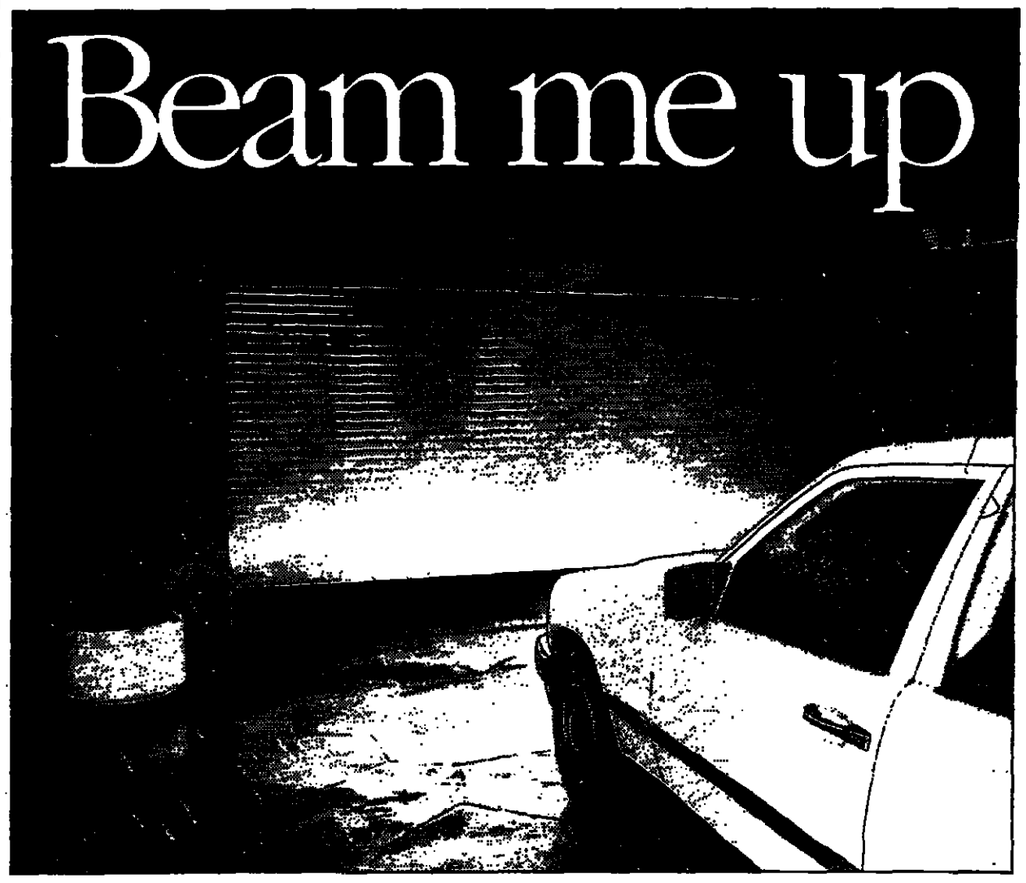

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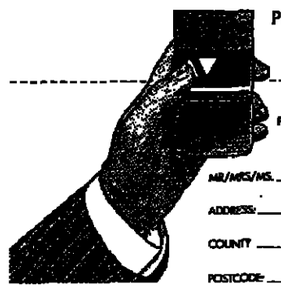

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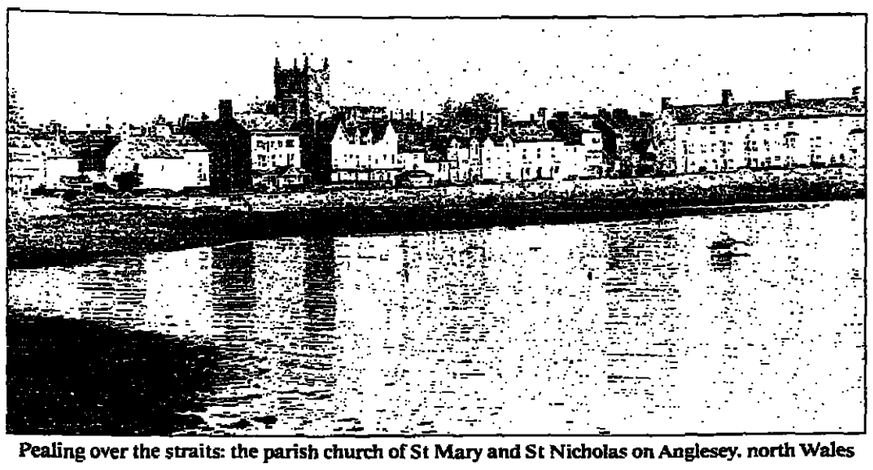


Pealing over the straits: the parish church of St Mary and St Nicholas on Anglesey, north Wales

An Anglican heart beating in Wales

Ruth Gledhill visits the Welsh island of Anglesey to find that the Church of England is in robust and energetic form

AS I sat on what appeared to be a stone bench in the porch at St Mary and St Nicholas, Beaumaris, on Anglesey, taking in the heady mix of sun, sea and the sacrament, a lilting Welsh voice behind me warned: "Mind she doesn't bite." On closer inspection, my resting place turned out to be an ancient sarcophagus, which had once contained the remains of Joan, daughter of King John and consort of Llewelyn ap Jorwerth, prince of North Wales, who died in 1237. The inscription, recorded in Latin, Welsh and English, admonished me thus: that the stone coffin, "having been conveyed from the friary of Llanfaes and, alas, used for many years as a horse-watering trough, was rescued from such indignity and placed here for preservation as well as to exact serious meditations on the transitory nature of all sublunary distinctions".

I had driven through wild Wales, and across the achingly beautiful suspension bridge over the Menai Straits to the island of Anglesey, to hear in the old tongue, *yr hen iaith*, about the devil and God, *y diafol a Duw*. The first surprise in Beaumaris was the lack of rain. The second was my ability to follow the service, even though half was in a language I did not understand. We used *The Book of Common Prayer for use in The Church in Wales*, which those who are currently revising the liturgy of the Church of England would do well to examine.

Sensibly, the communion service begins on page one, saving me the usual five minutes trying to find my place after another minute trying to find the index. The liturgy is modern but retains enough of the old-style Anglican prayer book to keep most traditionalists content. The service is printed with Welsh and English side by side. After a bright "good morning" in Welsh and English, we sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" in Welsh from the Bangor diocesan hymn book, *Emynau'r Llan*, and said the creed and the Lord's Prayer in English. The Eucharistic prayer was in Welsh and the intercessionary prayers were in a combination of the two languages. The sermon, to my relief, was in English.

Although the church in Wales is Anglican, visitors would be advised never to refer to it as the Church of England in Wales as this will seriously offend Welsh Anglicans. Equally offensive to all other Welshmen, who might be chapel, Roman Catholic or have no religious allegiance at all, is to call it the Church of Wales.

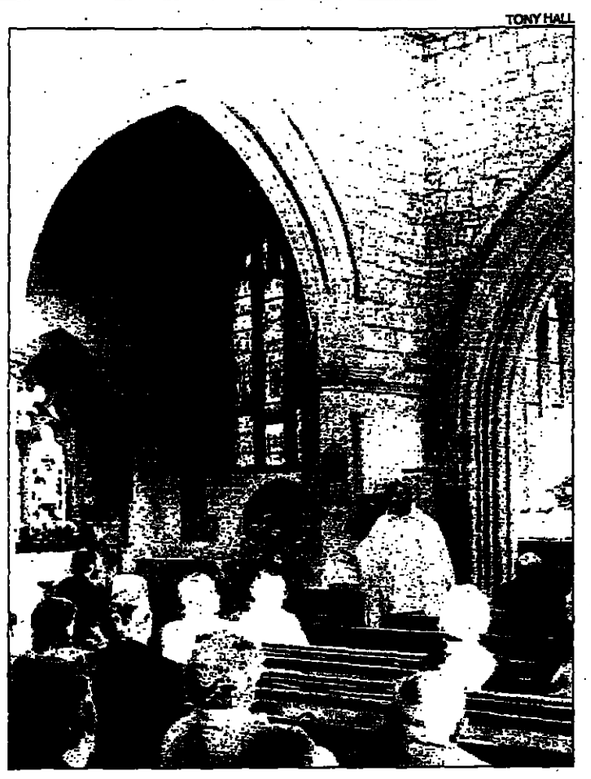
The parish is one of about 600 incumbencies in Wales, which is itself one of 28 provinces or self-governing churches in the world-wide Anglican communion. The church in Wales was created in 1920 after disestablishment and partial disendowment by the Welsh Church Acts of 1914 and 1920.

There are more than 108,000 Easter communicants, out of a population of about 2.86 million. Many Welsh Anglicans, and retired Englishmen living in Wales, argue that disestablishment has given the church in Wales a life and spiritual vigour sometimes lacking in its sister church in England.

Apart from the language difficulty (although fewer than one third of the congregation are Welsh-speaking), and the glimmer of monkish Celtic humour which occasionally sparkled through the rector's high and dry exterior, I found little difference between this church and thousands like it in the English countryside. The eight bells, six of which were donated by the last Viscount Bulkeley, rang out through the crisp, clear air over the straits towards the mainland, calling the faithful to worship.

The rector, Gwyndaf Morris Hughes, a tall, rosy-cheeked figure straight out of a Tolkien novel, wore a chasuble over a white cassock alb, indicating his traditionalist approach. He did not enter the pulpit to preach but strode around at the head of the aisle, catching and holding eye contact on this Sunday after Christmas with any who might be too hungover or replete to hear properly his sermon on the feast of St John the Evangelist.

Just in case anyone was thanking God that Christmas was over for another year, he began: "We remind ourselves that Christmas starts here on Christmas eve, not about two months beforehand."



TONY HALL

St Mary and St Nicholas Parish Church, Church Street, Beaumaris, Anglesey, North Wales (0248 811402)

RECTOR: The Rev Gwyndaf Morris Hughes.
SERMON: *Ffyrnig*, powerful, although casual and short.★★★
ARCHITECTURE: Well-preserved early English with later additions.★★★★
LITURGY: Close resemblance to other Anglican liturgies, with a welcome reliance on the traditional.★★★
MUSIC: Powerful pipe organ in need of repair. A small choir of ladies sings most Sundays.★★
AFTER SERVICE CARE: Brief handshake.★

★ *stars are awarded up to a maximum of five*

Mr Hughes has a reputation locally as a powerful preacher, and he did not disappoint. As with news stories, sermons are nearly always best if brief and to the point, and this was no exception.

He noted the conflicting images on television screens over Christmas, with news about starvation in Somalia slotted next to consumer success stories, such as increased car sales. "What we have this time is a tremendous emphasis on the homeless, the heart-tugging stories that get people into the mood for Christmas. And then we forget it."

Even the story of Christ in the manger had been turned into "sentimental smush". Mr Hughes said: "If there is a devil, I am sure he is laughing his head off because he has managed to make us degrade this greatest reality in the history of the world."

The church, near the ruins of one of King Edward I of England's 14 great castles in or on the borders of north Wales, dates from the early 14th century. Thousands of holiday-makers pass through each summer, but in the December mid-winter there were few visitors.

In this idyllic setting, it was a passing temptation to forget momentarily the troubles of the wider world. The leaflets at the back, offering advice to parents of drug abusers, and suggestions from Christian Aid on how to save the earth, set near a box for contributions to cancer research, were a chastening reminder that, however beautiful and remote, this church operates in a society which is by no means immune from the kind of problems too often associated only with inner cities.

● *Sunday services: first and third Sundays, 11am, sung Eucharist; 5pm, evensong. Second and fourth Sundays, 8am, Eucharist and 11am, sung matins. The Cell, a parish theological discussion group, meets in the vestry on Monday evenings.*

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

MARY WESLEY

Writer

Where would you go?
I would avoid tedious airports and very long journeys and go to Penzance in southwest Cornwall, which is not far from where I live. It would be winter: it's useless going to Cornwall in the summer when it is choked with tourists, but it's lovely out of season.

How would to get there?
I would drive myself in my Renault Clio, which has so many neat gadgets that it almost talks back.

Where would you stay?
At The Abbey Hotel, which belongs to Jean Shrimpton who has furnished it with antiques, luxurious beds and super bathrooms. I would have breakfast brought to me in bed and lie looking out at the boats bobbing in the harbour. I discovered The Abbey Hotel eight years ago and stay there quite often.

Who would be your perfect companion?
I would eschew human company but would take my dog, True. She is sympathetic to my every mood, and in The Abbey Hotel welcome to sleep at my feet on my bed.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
I would take walking shoes, cashmere sweaters, a mackintosh and a towel for my dog.

What medicines would accompany you?
This is a perfect weekend — I would not need any.

What would you have to eat?
Oysters from the Helford river, crawfish and lobster off the boats at Newlyn, fresh Cornish vegetables, salads and fruits.

What would you have to drink?
Water during the day, a glass of champagne when I come in tired and Pouilly Fumé at dinner.

Which books would you take to read?
T.S. Eliot's *Four Quarters*, *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and *Travels with my Aunt* by Graham Greene. And I always travel with a copy of *British Birds*, published by Collins.

What music would you listen to?
I would remember the music I was listening to, and with whom, 50 years ago.

What would you watch on television?
Nothing.

Would you play any games or sport?
There would be a fellow guest in the hotel, an Armenian. We would play backgammon.

What luxury would you take?
A snort of vodka and a pot of caviare, in case I am hungry in the night.

What piece of art would you have?
A small Donatello bronze which I would take to see Barbara Hepworth's sculptures at St Ives. The Barbara Hepworth Museum belongs to the Tate Gallery and is housed in her studio and garden. It's perfectly lovely.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Baroness Thatcher.

What three things would you leave behind?
My address book, my guilt at neglecting my work and my sense of old age creeping up on me.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Tramp along the cliffs with my dog and hear the roaring sea and howling wind. 2. Watch the cliff foxes. 3. Trawl through the antique shops in Penzance.

To whom would you send a postcard?
To my editor to assuage any faint remnant of guilt, and to my three children and four grandchildren.

What souvenir would you bring home?
A silver George III snuff box and a Meissen plate.

What would you like to find when you got home?
My own bed and, bearing in mind that you can't believe all you read in the papers, press reports that Baroness Thatcher had been pushed over a cliff.

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☐ **The World of Peter Rabbit and Friends.** Special screenings of the first three episodes from the new television series. *National Film Theatre, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 3232). Today, tomorrow, 4pm; £2.75, £3.95 plus 40p day membership (which includes four people).*

☐ **The Tales of Beatrix Potter:** Frederick Ashton's 1971 ballet film adapted for live performance by the Royal Ballet, presented on a double-bill with Ashton's delightful *The Dream* (final performance). *Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066). Tues, 7.30pm: £1.65-£54.*

☐ **Chinese Folk Tales:** Classical folk tales and legends from China, combining dance, music and mime, celebrates the Chinese new year (five to ten-year-olds). *Pitshanger Manor Museum, Mattock Lane, Ealing, W5 (081-567 1227). Today, 2-3pm; £1.50.*

☐ **The Witches:** Final performances of David Wood's exceptionally well-adapted version of Roald Dahl's award-winning bestseller. *Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 9837). Variously at 11am, 2.30pm and 7pm, until next Sat; £8.50-£16.*

☐ **International Mime Festival:** Juggling duo The Flying Dutchmen offer a host of interchangeable skills. *Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Fri-next Sun, 6.45pm, free.*

☐ **Lovebites:** Through song, dance and drama, a young cast explores the daily concerns of teenagers in a new musical which grew out of the Riverside's education department. *Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354). Today, 7.45pm.*

☐ **Sweeney the Birdsman:** Pekko Puppets presents an Irish legend, based on the work of poet Seamus Heaney, about a warrior who takes flight from battle and turns into a bird. *Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Today, 11.30am and 2pm, £2.75.*

☐ **Pinocchio:** Musical version, cleverly staged and with excellent characterisations. *Unicorn Theatre, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 3334), until Jan 24. Sats, 11am and 2.30pm. Suns, 2.30pm; £4.50-£7.50.*

OUT OF TOWN

☐ **Cardiff:** The cast of Sesame Street Live, featuring life-size puppets from the popular American television series, in a song-and-dance touring show, *Silly Dancing*, here until May. *St David's Hall, The Hayes (0222 371236). Mon-Fri, 5.30pm, mats Thurs, Fri, 2pm; £4.50-£8.50.*

☐ **Colchester:** Gerry Flanagan and Rick Zolucki of Commotion theatre company teach mime, clown and physical theatre techniques in a workshop for older children, followed by an evening performance of their mime show *No Matter What*. *Colchester Arts Centre, Church Street (0206 577301). Wed, workshop 2-4pm, £2.50; performance 8pm; £3-£4.*

☐ **Manchester:** Contact Youth Theatre meets regularly for general skills workshops covering drama, improvisation and movement work: 12 to 14-year-olds meet on Mons, Thurs, 5.30-7pm; 15 to 17-year-olds meet Mons, 7.30-9.30pm. *Brickhouse, Contact Theatre, Oxford Road (information from CYT director on 061-274 3434). Free admission, turn up on the day.*

☐ **Norwich:** A superbly atmospheric and eerie production of Andersen's *Snow Queen* continues in the main theatre (for over fives); and in the studio, *The Pied Piper* (for under fives). *Norwich Puppet Theatre, St James, Whitefriars (0603 629921). Snow Queen: Sat, 10.30am and 2pm, until Jan 30, £3.50, £4.50; Pied Piper: Tues-Fri, 11am, until Jan 29, £2.50.*

Peter Rabbit at the NFT

☐ **Oxford:** The week-long Festival of Science comes to a close today with two educational and interactive shows by Floating Point Science Theatre: at 10.30am, *What a Gas* (for four to nine-year-olds); and at 1.30pm, *Harness That Energy* (for six to 11-year-olds). *Old Fire Station, 40 George Street (0865 794494). Shows, £2.50.*

☐ **Yeovil:** Yeovil Amateur Pantomime Society in *Dick Whittington*. *Octagon Theatre, Hendford (0935 22884). Tues-Fri, 7.30pm, next Sat, 1.30pm, 4.30pm and 7.30pm; £3-£5.50.*

KARI KNIGHT

Sue Crewe knows what a mad, sometimes funny, always sad performance divorce is

No divorce from memories

GRAHAM BAKE

Recently, I was a passenger in a friend's car when she stopped for a knot of people at a pedestrian crossing. My friend recognised one of the men walking past us. Tooting lightly on the horn, she waved at him. The man paused, looked into the car without a flicker of recognition, smiled vaguely at us both and walked on. "Who was that?" I asked. "My first husband," she replied.

We held each other's eyes for a second or two and drove on in silence. I too had been divorced, and the tiny incident did not need exploring. Those of us (and with one marriage in three failing, that is a lot of us) who have erstwhile husbands and wives know what a mad, sometimes funny, always sad, performance divorce is.

This was not a view I subscribed to when I was a schoolgirl. At the age of 12 or 13, while my peers were mostly dreaming of handsome husbands and choosing names for the first-born, my ambition was to get divorced. To have been married seemed to me to be the epitome of glamour, more sophisticated even than a 20-a-day Rothmans habit or putty-coloured lipstick.

Not that I had any first-hand experience of broken marriages. My immediate family was happily cemented, and at home divorce was regarded as a misfortune and something of a blot. I was educated at an all-girl Anglican convent and I do not remember the nuns holding radical views on marriage. Possibly marginally more radical than those of the Roman Catholic nuns who lectured my elder sister at her Parisian finishing school.

She was taught that all husbands are endemically unfaithful but a clever wife would never refer to his affairs. She should run a beautiful home, always look her best, chatter brightly about current affairs and never complain about domestic disasters. It may have been hearing this Gallic recipe for marital harmony that made divorce appear so desirable.

You might think that a more obvious solution would be to avoid marriage altogether, but 30 years ago that was not an attractive option. Even now, to be unmarried altogether is not particularly comfortable. Single people of a certain age are plagued by enquiries as to why they have never married and are still made to feel that their status is aberrant. Whereas it is often more honourable to remain single than to participate in a bad or compromised marriage, it is nonetheless a reality that society usually grants a divorced woman more status than a spinster, and questions the sexual orientation of a bachelor.

I do not disown my adolescent self, and in the event I embarked upon marriage with every intention of staying married, but if I could cross three decades and speak to the girl who was dazzled by divorce, I would take her hand and tell her something of what it was really like, and hope that she would grow up to be a little more circumspect.

Leaving aside the big issues, such as what effect fractured homes have on the children and the financial justice or otherwise of post matrimonial carve-ups, I would tell her about the little battles, the little lonelinesses, the hazards and humiliations that strew the path of the once-married. Divorce is not glamorous or dashing or smart, and it is not a rite of passage from which you emerge absolved and unfettered. Divorce impoverishes, diminishes, demeans and leaves you weighted with experience that discourages rather than encourages you. Sure enough, you emerge freed from a situation that, for whatever reason, has become untenable, but for many people it is an arid freedom in which one set of problems has been substituted for another.

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Unlike the celebration of your marriage, you do not even have to attend your own divorce: it can be granted in your absence, imposed on you like a parking fine. Even the petitioner attending the hearing needs only his or her lawyer as bridesmaid, and the decree absolute comes through the post six weeks later. Convention dictates that in most cases the petitioner, the person who initiates the proceedings, is the woman, and women are usually more aware than men of the ritual — or in the case of divorce, the lack of it — attached to important occasions.

We do not say: "I'll have a traditional divorce with all the trimmings", but we do try to imbue the occasion with as much significance as we can muster. This can take perverse forms. I know a rich woman who travelled back from the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand on the number 11 bus. Sitting on the front seat of the upper deck reinforced her feeling of liberation. Another woman got divorced from two different husbands from the same courts, and each time bought drop-dead chic outfits to wear for the hearing and then went for lunch at the Ritz.

Fiona Shackleton, well-known divorce lawyer and partner in the Queen's firm of solicitors, Farrer & Co, is the co-author of *The Divorce Handbook*. She says that her clients are often paranoid about what to wear in court. "For most people, it is their first appearance before a judge and they want to create a good impression."

Her co-author, Olivia Timbs, is a magazine editor and believes we would benefit from a more structured approach to the dissolution of our marriages, although she emphasises that people come to terms with their separation at different rates and it is inadvisable to try to mark the occasion of the divorce as a couple. Her own parents gave her a divorce lunch-party (thank friends who had been stalwart. Much to her surprise it was both enjoyable and helpful.

However, I am sure the guests were not given horrible little cakes decorated with black icing sugar and the words "Happy Divorce" which one outraged husband received from his newly ex-wife. But then a few months previously he had stumped round the matrimonial home with a tape-recorder, dictating into it who was to have what — "my alabaster vases, her tapestry cushions, my CD player, her shell ashtray..." — so perhaps he was lucky not to get a divorce-cake heavily laced with cyanide.

There is no such thing as a painless divorce and no means of removing a former spouse from the heart's cuttings-library. Or is there? Did the man on the crossing really not recognise his former wife, or did he use the opportunity to deny her? We will never know, but anyone who has been through the murky shadows of divorce will know that almost anything is possible.

Lynne Greenwood finds out what part-time jobs children do to boost their pocket-money

Some nice little earners

Jamie and Jonjo Hill are entrepreneur material. Sir John Harvey-Jones would be proud of them.

An examination of their business methods shows that they understand the value of advertising but appreciate that word-of-mouth recommendation is even more important: they have invested in simple, smart business cards, which include a price list, and they shop around for the best value for money when buying equipment.

Most importantly, the schoolboy brothers, from Heptonstall in Yorkshire, do a good job at a fair price. For just £2 they will wash and vacuum your car. For an extra £1.60 they will add a wax polish and a full interior clean.

Their records, impressively kept on the same home computer on which they designed the cards, show that in 1992 they earned more than £300.

"We have to buy our shampoo and wax out of that," says Jamie, 14. "And we had to buy a new bucket because Mum drove over the first one and flattened it."

Sunday mornings — and sometimes more of the day, depending on demand — are spent washing a succession of cars, many now on the regular weekly list, and others whose owners have rung for an appointment. "We used to wash Dad's car outside the house, and a friend suggested we should do others," Jamie says.

In the summer, the boys extend their working hours to include weekday evenings, and Jamie has already invested in a £240 television on the proceeds. Jonjo, 12, who operates a sideline in recycled hubcaps, has put money towards trainers and a Sega Game Gear.

The Halifax Building Society's annual survey of teenagers' pocket-money shows that of more than 4,000 12 to 16-year-olds questioned, 30 per cent boosted their weekly income with a part-time job. While 61 per cent of 16-year-olds worked, only 11 per cent of 12-year-olds managed to supplement pocket-money with earnings.

Boys are more likely than girls to have a part-time job. Paper and milk rounds are the most popular, followed by working in a shop, baby-sitting, waitressing, catering and even house cleaning. The law forbids under-16s to be employed in a variety of workplaces, from discotheques to breweries, and also prevents them climbing ladders or operating farm machinery.

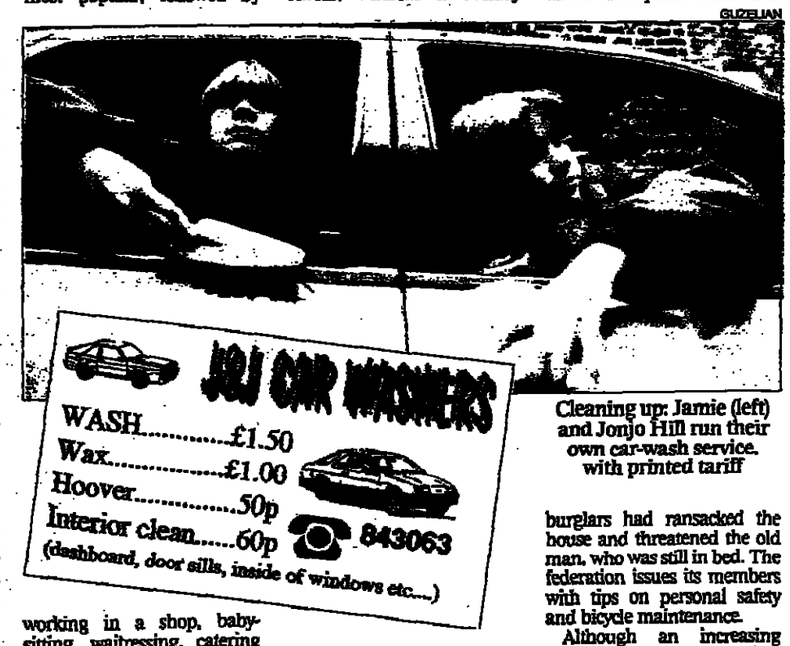
A new EC directive proposes to increase the minimum working age for British children from 13 to 15 with a few exceptions, such as paper rounds, and plans to revive safeguards on working conditions for 16 to 17-year-olds.

The Newsagents' Federation estimates that there are about 500,000 news deliverers in the country, who must be at least 13 or sometimes 14 in areas where local by-laws differ. At weekends, as paper-boys and girls know to their cost, the rounds are likely to be heavier, take longer, but pay more. A survey showed that a weekday morning round of 42 papers weighs on average 12.4lb, whereas a Sunday morning deliverer staggers under an average 20.7lb of newsprint.

Wages vary tremendously but the most recent survey, conducted last year, showed that news deliverers earn an average of £2.64 an hour, with Sunday rounds often paying almost twice that amount.

Julie Green, 16, from Eastville, Bristol, earns £18 a week for delivering one morning and two evening rounds, six days a week. She gets up at 6.30am and works again between 4pm and 5pm, saving her earnings for clothes and special buys.

"There are days when the weather is bad when I wish I didn't have to go, but mainly I enjoy it," she says. Julie received the federation's Carl Bridgewater Award after alerting police about an open front door of a house where she knew an elderly man lived alone. The police discovered burglars had ransacked the house and threatened the old man, who was still in bed. The federation issues its members with tips on personal safety and bicycle maintenance.



Cleaning up: Jamie (left) and Jonjo Hill run their own car-wash service, with printed tariff

Although an increasing number of girls now deliver newspapers, many still look for jobs which involve a personal interest or which may provide career experience. Babysitting and working with horses are two favourites.

At stables and riding schools, girls are happy to work in exchange for a free hack or lessons. Siobhan Johnson, 14, spends part of every weekend at the Ladybooth Riding Centre, Edale, Derbyshire, which keeps about 30 horses in the winter.

"I muck out, sweep the yard, feed and water the horses, exercise them, whatever needs doing. I love it," she says. "In return I get the chance to ride or go out on a trek. It seems a good deal, because I couldn't afford to pay for the amount of riding I have."

At the moment, she prefers this arrangement to being paid for a job she may not like. "My best friend is working in a chippie after school to try to pay for a trip to America," she says. "She really hates it."

Many teenagers still apply to retailers for a Saturday job. Most, from Harrods to Woolworths, set high standards. Harrods requires its part-time employees to be personable, to possess communication skills, and to show an interest in retailing and customer awareness. "If they are just coming here because it is a novelty and they think they are going to be meeting stars, they've got it wrong," a spokesman says.

Woolworths requires all applicants to complete a questionnaire, with multiple-choice questions about their personal attitudes and emotions as well as a test of basic mathematics as applied to retailing.

Sixth-formers Russell Woodfield and Mandy Blackburn, both 17, earn £10 for a four-hour Saturday shift at Woolworths in Halifax, West Yorkshire, where they stock shelves, clean the store, help customers and sometimes operate the till.

Mandy chose the job because she "needed the money and wanted some experience", and Russell, who wants to be an officer in the Royal Marines, admits he was under pressure from his mother to earn some money.

"I've just bought a mountain bike, so I use some of the money towards that and the rest on going out," he says. "Often there's overtime available and I'll take it."

Mandy enjoys the work, although "difficult customers sometimes take it out on you", and says the money has given her a degree of independence.

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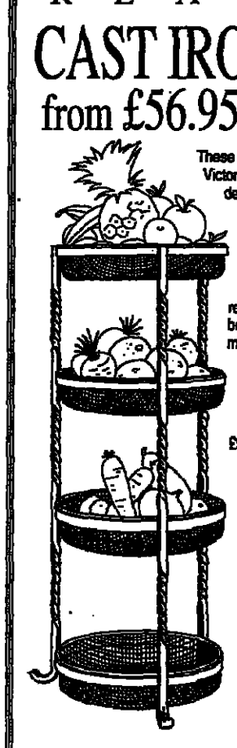

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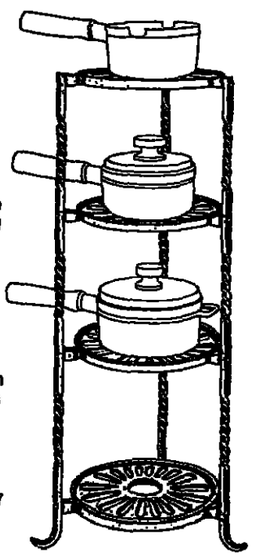

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Francesca Greenoak turns her back on winter and indulges her passion for conservatory experimentation

Exotic plants to pamper

Fill your conservatory with citrus scent: Stuart Keith shows off a "Washington" navel orange tree in the specialist showroom he set up after his own search for plants

Even in the worst of January weather, this first month of the year makes me want to grow things, nd I turn to gardening indoors. hree years' conservatory experimentation, and many more of indow-sill gardening, have conrmed in me a taste for exotics, and n intrepidity I do nor indulge utside in the garden.

Last spring, I was given a rooted utting of *Sparmannia africana* hich has grown prodigiously in the bright ght of my conservaory. Now over a metre igh, it has huge, owny bright green aves, like an outsize me-tree foliage (one of s names is indoor nden). Its white, almond-scented flowers ave a thick tuft of imson and gold staens, sensitive to uch: brushed lightly ey open gracefully.

The Chilean bell flower *Lapageria Rosea*

Another rewarding ift was a seedling jacaanda tree, which has lso grown well. In a emi-tropical climate, it roduces fragrant oring blossoms, but it arely blooms in Britin, though its lacy rn-like foliage is so pretty it hardly eems to matter. Two of my avourite scented foliage plants eep their leaves in the winter in a ool conservatory. Lemon verbena *Aloysia triphylla*, still widely sold nder its original name of *Lippia triodora*) has a sweet, sherbet-mon scent; the silvery leaved *alvia discolor*, which has small, lmost black flowers, emits a strong cent of blackcurrant when the aves are rubbed.

The sweet scented mimosa or lver wattle, now coming into ower (*Acacia dealbata*), makes a rge tree in a conservatory border. runed back, it will flower at shrub size in a tub or large pot. Prickly Moses (*Acacia verticillata*) has pretty, palest yellow bottle-brush flowers, and the unusual knife acacia (*A. cultriformis*) makes a small, easily managed shrub with triangular, flat, grey-blue leaf-like stalks, as well as globular yellow spring-season flowers.

I have observed with relief that most plants are much more tolerant of heat and cold than reference books indicate. Putting them outdoors, or standing them in trays of damp gravel, provides humidity and relief from the sun in summer, and a night storage heater and thermostatically controlled fan-heater seem to give adequate comfort during the winter, although temperatures can fall to freezing point or just below.

Some plants, including sparmannia and acacias, indicate that they are suffering from overwatering, or temperatures which are rather too cold, by a yellowing of their leaves. In general, the rule is to water very sparingly in the winter and to feed during the main period of growth, which is generally during the warmer months.

If you have a certain amount of heat in a conservatory, or porch, it is quite sensible to buy small plants now while prices are reasonable: they will put on good growth through the spring, and flower all the better later in the year.

It can be difficult to find the more unusual plants or to secure well-grown specimens of commoner ones when you are starting off a collection. Stuart Keith scoured garden centres and nurseries to stock his own conservatory, then used his knowledge to set up a conservatory plant showroom in Winchester.

He stocks an interesting range, from small *Camera lantana* (£2.50), with their orange-carmine flowers, to large specimen lemon trees at £120. The bird of paradise plant *Strelizia reginae*, for all its exotic purple and orange glamour, is not a difficult plant, and recommended by Mr Keith for its long flowering season. Also in flower now are the beautiful Chilean bell flower, and an evergreen Australian climbing plant (*Hardenbergia comptoniana*), known as the blue coral pea, which is not difficult to grow. Some of the rarer passion flowers also thrive in conservatories: the pink banana passion flower (*Passiflora mollissima*) is in flower in the Winchester showroom. Mr Keith also recommends the hybrid Incense. It has pretty, evergreen foliage but its flowers, as with all of the genus, though beautiful are short-lived — "but such is passion," as a customer said philosophically.

● *Stuart Keith conservatory plants, Winchester (0962 714444; sales from shop only. Mail order: Reads Nursery, Lodden, Norfolk; for catalogue send four 1st-class stamps (056846 395). Long Man Gardens, Polegate, East Sussex; list free (0323 870816.*

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POT plants are good for your health, purifying the air as well as adding green relief to stuffy, centrally heated houses on grey winter days. Many popular house plants have this air-filtering capacity: philodendron, peace lily (*Spathyphyllum*), spider plant (*Chlorophytum*), ivy, dragon tree (*Dracaena*), gerberas and chrysanthemums. At home or in the office, a few pot plants (ten to a dozen in a three-bedroom house, for example) can make a great deal of difference to air quality.

An air-friendly spider plant

WEEKEND TIPS

- *Have garden machinery serviced ready for the spring.*
- *Keep bulbs in pots moist.*
- *Plant rhubarb crowns, setting them about 1in (2.5cm) below the surface; allow about 3ft between plants.*
- *Plant bare-rooted trees, so long as the ground is neither deep-frozen nor waterlogged.*
- *Sow summer cauliflower and cabbage in pots in a propagator set at 13C/55F for planting out in March.*

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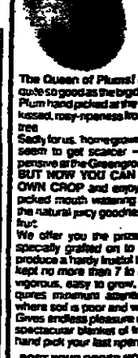

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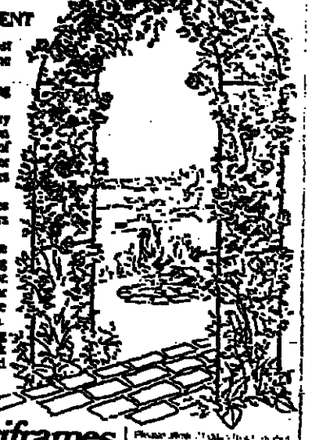

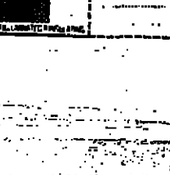

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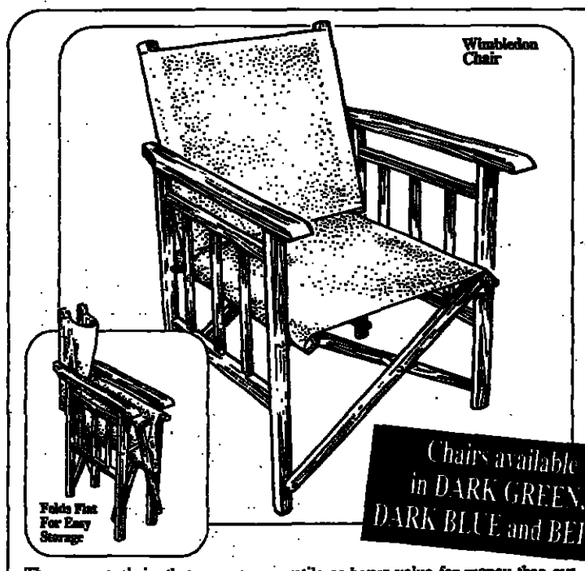

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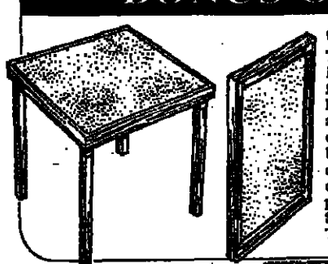

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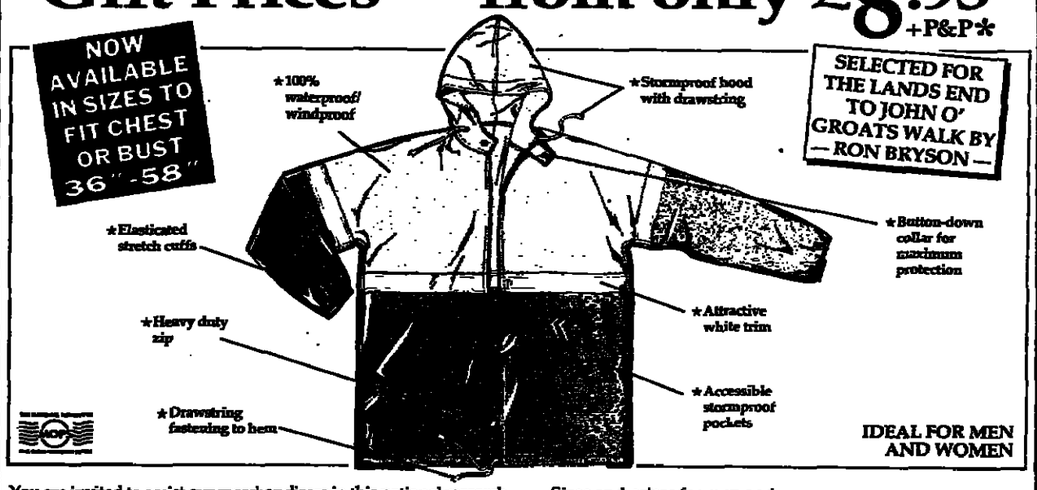

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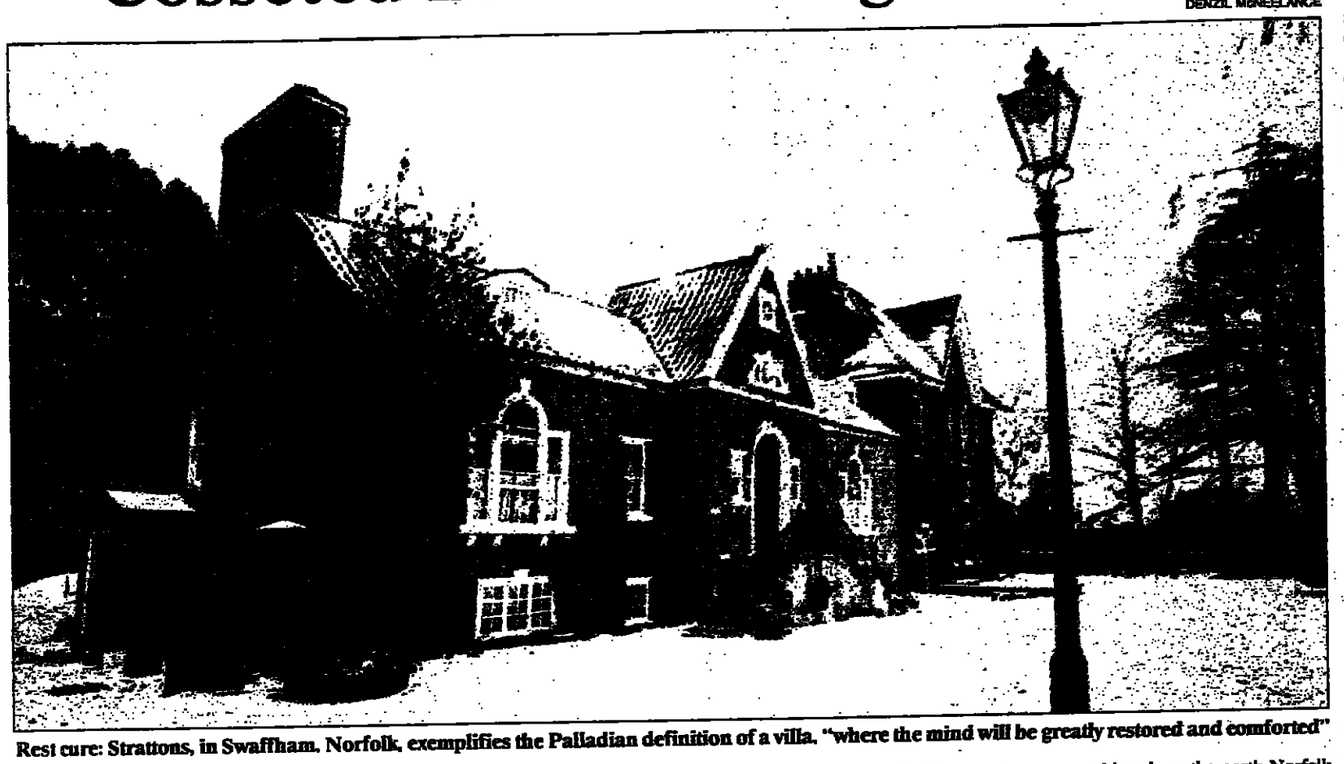


Rest cure: Strattons, in Swaffham, Norfolk, exemplifies the Palladian definition of a villa, "where the mind will be greatly restored and comforted"

"Very flat, Norfolk." With these few words Noel Coward dismissed the entire county. Perhaps he never visited the sheltered, wooded countryside just west of Downham Market. Accessible from London via the A10, this corner of Norfolk is an oasis of gently undulating hills and valleys. The huge skies and unbroken horizons of Cambridgeshire, dominated for miles by the rectangular silhouette of Ely Cathedral, give way to a softer landscape.

The market town of Swaffham, so fashionable in the 18th century that it was known as the "Montpellier of England", lies between King's Lynn and Norwich, within easy reach of the north Norfolk coast.

Hidden in quiet, secluded grounds, tucked away behind the market square in Swaffham lies Strattons, the *Which? Hotel Guide's* Norfolk county hotel of the year for the past two years. A graceful 18th-century red-brick Palladian house, formerly known as "the Villa", Strattons was built in the 1720s as a second home, a town-dweller's rural retreat. Andrea Palladio once decreed that a villa should be "a place where the mind, fatigued by the agitations of the city, will be greatly restored and comforted". According to our experience, this principle still holds true. A weekend at the hotel lowered stress levels and induced that rare sense of well-being that comes from being cosseted.

We walked through the curved Queen Anne doorway to be greeted like welcome friends. Ushered into the rich peacock-blue Venetian Room, once the bedchamber of the redoubtable Mrs Stratton, we found a vast walnut bed covered with soft cushions. A generous array of bath oils, lavender talcum powder, shampoos and soaps was scattered around the ruby-red bathroom.

Our companions chose the Louis Room, once the nanny's headquarters, and were amused to find they were sharing their view of the rose trellis with Oscar, a guinea fowl, who rarely moves from the window ledge.

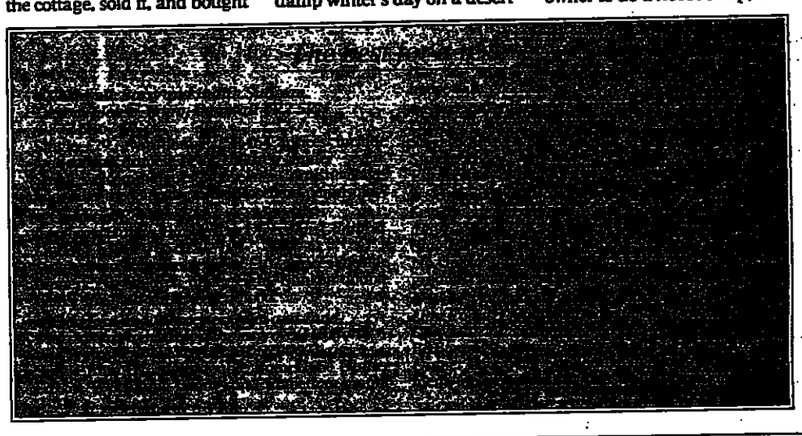
The house overflows with a potpourri of dried flowers, framed family photographs, antiques, china ornaments, china cats, cat cushions and books. There are books everywhere, piled high beside beds, jostling for space on tables and window ledges.

The overall atmosphere is more akin to a small, stylish country house than a hotel. The hosts, Les and Vanessa Scott, who have two young children, welcome families and keep a large cupboard full of games and toys for all ages.

Mr and Mrs Scott met at Great Yarmouth Art College and soon after embarked on the first of a series of renovation projects that culminated in Strattons. They bought a small cottage in Norfolk in such a state of disrepair that there were fertiliser sacks in place of windows. With no practical experience, they restored, plastered and painted the cottage, sold it, and bought an old pub. They read everything they could and learnt the hard way.

Several years and two children later, the Scotts bought and renovated a Victorian school. An endless succession of weekend guests led Mrs Scott's father to remark with some irony that they would do better to run a hotel. One cold, damp winter's day on a deserted beach on the north Norfolk coast, they decided to turn their lives upside down and become hoteliers. Then property prices suddenly slumped.

They found Strattons, were captivated by its charm, but realised that they were unlikely to be able to sell their schoolhouse. Unwilling to admit defeat, Mrs Scott persuaded the owner to do a house swap, and at the end of 1990, Strattons opened its doors to guests.



Creature comforts: the bedrooms are lavishly furnished

One of Mrs Scott's first decisions was that she would cook the food herself, using only local produce and pure ingredients. The Scotts have planted their own formal herb garden and much of the remaining fresh produce comes from her father's garden. The Norfolk mushrooms are from the estate of Sir Samuel Roberts, the jams and marmalade home-made, and the bread is brought in warm from the bakery next door.

Mr and Mrs Scott rarely accept more than a dozen people for dinner, as every course is prepared on the day and many of the dishes are cooked to order. The only food that comes out of the freezer is the ice-cream. The menu is resolutely English and traditional in the best sense of the word. It changes daily, and three courses without coffee cost just £17.95.

We had the most delicious, warming Norfolk nut brown mushroom and chestnut soup spiced with nutmeg. A committed vegetarian in our party was catered for without fuss and served freshly-picked green peppers stuffed with rice, mushrooms and vegetables. There was a creamy fish terrine, and desserts included a rich marmalade ice-cream and a plate of fresh fruit with a scoop of surprisingly refreshing garden mint ice-cream.

In between meals, and taking advantage of a fine, clear autumnal afternoon, we visited Castle Acre, a few miles to the east of Swaffham. Now run by English Heritage, this ruined Norman castle is considered to be one of the finest examples of castle earthworks in England.

An easy walk away is a superb ruined Cluniac priory. According to the recorded commentary, the small band of monks who inhabited the priory were a dissolute lot who gave up wearing monks' habits and were only saved from the wrath of their superiors by the presence of precious holy relics in the priory, which attracted pilgrims from all over Europe.

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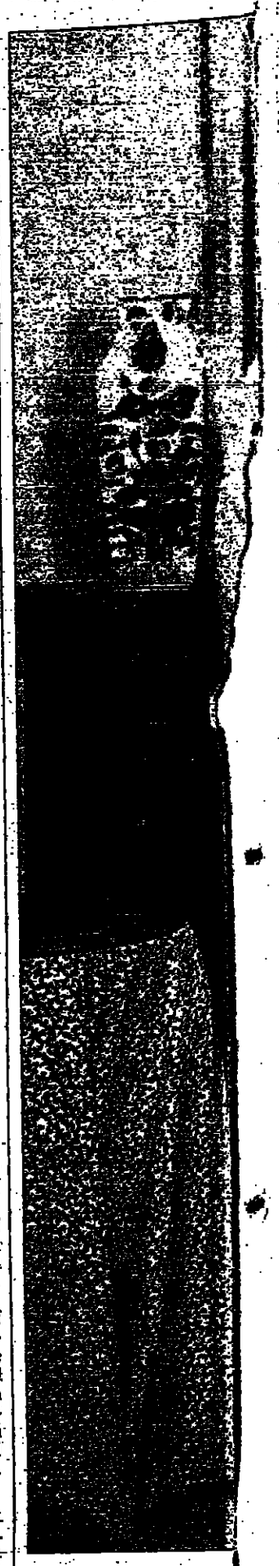

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Real thing: pros Peter Brake (left) and Andrew Lyons at Queen's Club, west London

If the game of real t had been dreamt u day, the inventor w have been compliment his wit and originality. H er, doubts might have lin over his grasp of sporting

With points that ar points, balls that are in b equipment that is qu antique, playing real gives a newcomer the sne feeling that someone is the mickey out of racket s

To devotees, however, racket sports are but imitations. Tennis, they is real; the real thing. The game is "lawners".

Historically, they are c Pre-dating them all, real "royal") tennis began a the 11th century as a fo hand-ball played by monks in cloistered yards. It became popula royalty, spread to Brita Henry VIII was an enth — and by the 16th centu rules and equipment had established. It is virtual changed today.

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Bizarre, illogical, m ing, frustrating, real te nevertheless, a beguilin gaging game. My firs hour on court was lunging at, or leaping from, eccentrically bou balls. When racket an finally connected, it wa surprisingly little effo ball is so heavy, you can own momentum to ret As the ball flew back acr net and pinged in a ver factory manner off wal floor, I gave a devilis laugh.

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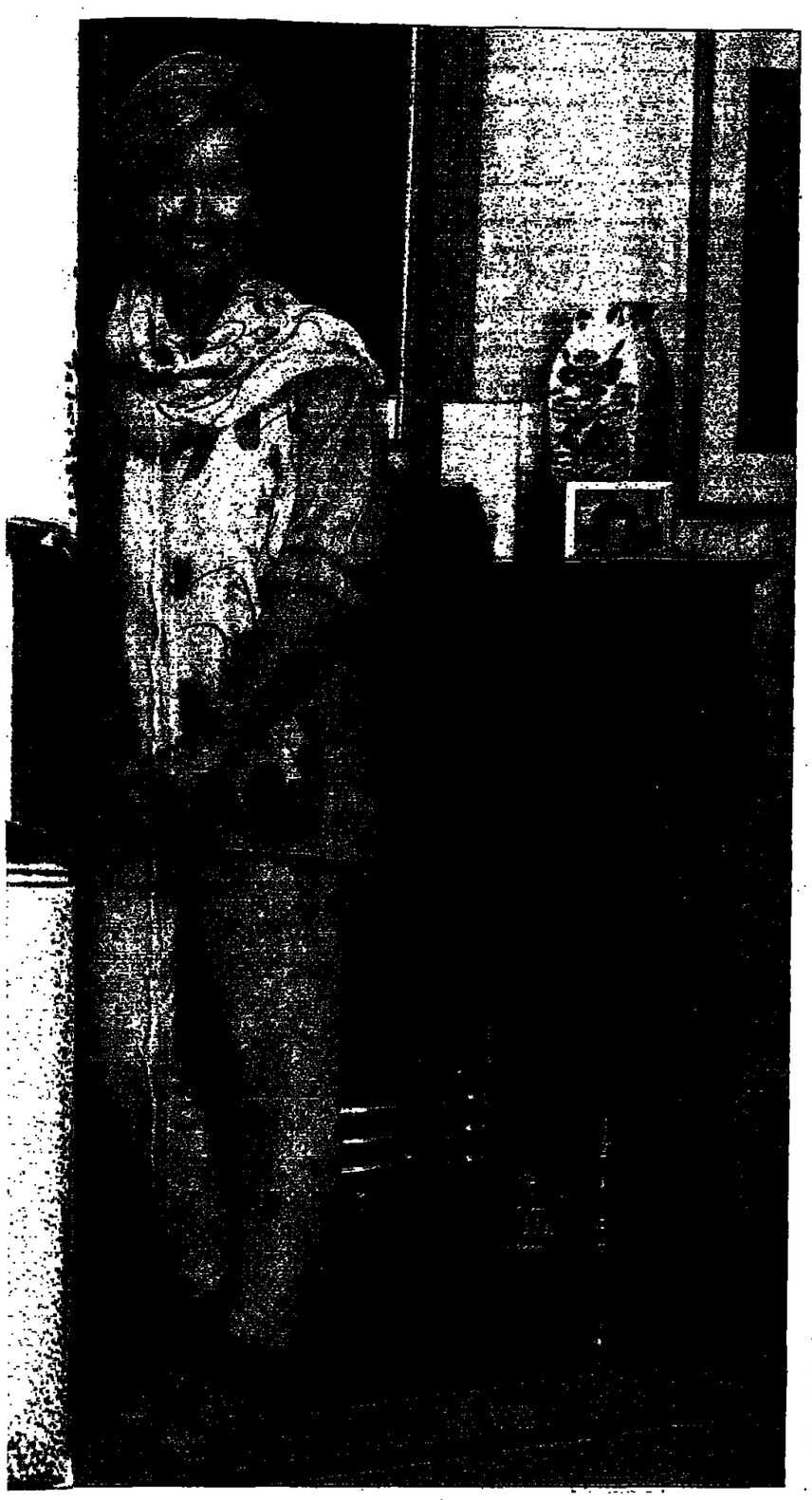

27: cream cashmere and silk T-shirt, £113; biscuit ribbed cardigan, £150, all from Pringle of Scotland, Burlington Arcade, London W1. Chiffon scarf, from a selection by Georgina von Etzdorf, Beige suede loafers, £160, Gucci, 32-33 Old Bond St, London W1. Earrings Anne Gregg's own.

Candid camera secrets

Anne Gregg works hard to look good. Julia Llewellyn Smith finds out how

ABOVE

Black Sea Island cotton polo neck, £52, S. Fisher, Burlington Arcade, London W1. Wool gabardine trousers, £125, Margaret Howell, 29 Beauchamp Place, London SW3. Red velvet smoking jacket, £315, Buckleigh, 83 Lower Sloane St, London SW1. Red Venetian glass earrings, £48, Butler & Wilson, 20 South Molton St, London W1.

LEFT

Blue button-down shirt, £36, Thomas Pink, 35 Dover St, London W1. Necklace and earrings from a selection at Van Peterson, 117a-119 Walton St, London SW3. Jeans, Anne Gregg's own.

Photographs by John Hudson, styling Victoria Pyman, hair and make-up Catherine Buxton. Photographed at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, London SW1.

American women found a role model in Jane Fonda, 55 years old and not averse to a few sessions with the surgeon in addition to her daily exercise routine, in her efforts to preserve her youth.

British women can look instead to Anne Gregg, the 52-year-old television presenter who is living proof that middle age does not mean Crimplene cardies and a spreading waistline, despite not having your own exercise video and a millionaire husband. Ms Gregg has always lived alone, and makes it clear she has to work for a living, and does not have the time or money for expensive skin creams or protracted exercise regimes.

Nonetheless, she is acutely aware of the importance of her looks in what is one of the most appearance-conscious professions of all. Last year, after 11 years as the main presenter of the *Holiday* programme, she was replaced by Anneka Rice, nearly 20 years her junior. It was classic proof that while men in television are respected for their experience, women are hired for their youth — despite the fact that Ms Gregg scarcely has a line on her face.

She bounced back almost immediately with her successful ITV series *Annie across America*. At the moment she is commanding excellent ratings every Sunday lunchtime presenting *The Package Pilgrims*, in which she travels with assorted preachers to different places of pilgrimage.

Ms Gregg says that even if she had never seen a television camera she would have cared about her appearance. "People smile at you more when you look good. She resents the large proportion of her income that has to go on the variety of clothes needed for her work. "Spending on work clothes should be tax deductible, but the rule is, if you can wear an outfit in non-work situations, it doesn't count."

She shops everywhere from Kays catalogue to Giorgio Armani, with her favourite things coming somewhere in the middle, from Jaeger — "they are quite quick to be in with fairly trendy clothes, and they don't cost an arm and a leg". The most she has ever spent was £900 on an evening dress from Droopy and Brown's: "I came home and I almost fainted."

The evening dress was an exception. Preferred outfits are a pair of trousers and a big man's shirt which, she maintains, is the sexiest outfit of all. At home she relaxes in jeans, a sweatshirt and trainers.

Ms Gregg is quick to acknowledge her best features, but modest in taking credit for them. "I have very good skin, but it's inherited from my grandmother, who died at 88, with hardly a line. My cheekbones are good too, and I think you can get away with murder with a well-shaped face."

She is equally aware of what she considers her bad points, but rather than complain, does her best to tackle them. She battles with her hair and yearns for an extra inch between her knees and ankles. She realises, however, that no one is ever satisfied. "Once when I was working in an office we asked each other what our greatest and worst assets were. What everyone hated about themselves, was what the rest of us envied.

"There was one woman with enormous boobs who wanted them to be smaller, although we all thought they were great, and another who wanted a bigger bottom."

Like many of us, she is currently on a post-Christmas diet to lose half a stone. She says she is lucky to be a naturally healthy eater, who likes big helpings but genuinely prefers vegetables to sticky cakes. Incredibly, she claims to follow no exercise routine. "I walk along the river, I love gardening and I clean my own house, and I have very steep stairs. That's it, I'm afraid." Her new year resolution is to go swimming twice a week.

Ms Gregg reassures envious onlookers that her looks are not effortless. "People should see me when I get up in the morning. I do have to work quite hard at it. I probably spend more time on my appearance than most people." To prove her fallibility she admits to one deep-rooted sin: "I sometimes go to bed without taking my make-up off."

The real secret of her success seems to lie in rejecting the premise that growing older means taking things easy. "I can't imagine not being busy. I shall always be doing something."

yone for a thwack at real tennis?

izarre, illogical, maddening, frustrating, this 11th-century game is also very satisfying once you have gained the know-how, says Helen Pickles

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TONY WHITE

String section: Andrew Lyons mends a real tennis racket

old Tom Gilbey, a fashion designer and waistcoat couturier. "Hitting the ball up on to the penthouse roof, for example, slows the game down, giving you time to think. You can also choose not to hit the ball, or go for a winner and give yourself another chance by laying a 'chase'."

Laying a chase is the key to real tennis. This does not mean tearing around the perimeter in some mad *Chariots of Fire* race. (In fact fitness, although an asset, is not a pre-requisite; many people do not take up the game until their forties or fifties.) The court is asymmetrical and there's a distinct advantage in being at the "service" end — where the serve is always taken — as opposed to the "hazard" end. Firstly, there are two holes to aim at — the "winning gallery" and the "grille" — both of which give you an outright point, whereas the receiver only has the "dedans". Secondly, there's a nasty bit of wall sticking out on the hazard side (the "tambour") and any ball coming off that is hard to hit. Thus, each player is aiming to get at the service end. You do this by laying a chase. Once the receiver has laid two, the players change ends.

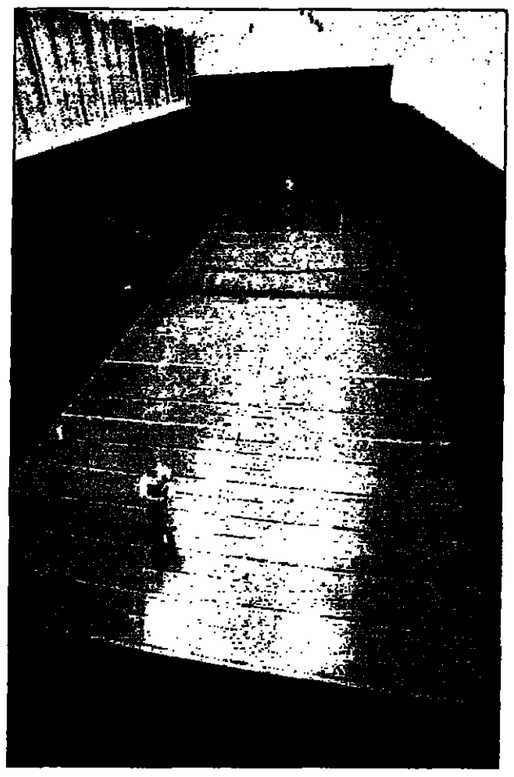
A chase is laid if the ball flies into one of the side galleries or if the second bounce is within the lined area on the floor of the court. No one wins a point at this stage. When the players change ends, however, the new server aims to defend his chase and thus win the point. He has to make sure he takes all the shots where the second bounce would be closer to the back wall than his original chase.

Coaching is essential. Between three and six lessons should be enough to enable you to keep a rally going. "Half the battle is understanding where the ball is going to land," my coach said encouragingly after I had carefully positioned myself to take the ball as it bobbled along the back penthouse, only to watch it hurtle a good yard from me.

The game's handicapping system means you do not have to worry about finding equally inept novices to play against. It also means the club's professional can find a suitable opponent if you suddenly ring up wanting a game.

"It's a very gentlemanly game," Mr Gilbey says. "You rarely get an argument over a call: in my case I daren't, because I still don't understand the scoring. [He has been playing for 19 years.] But it's not a difficult game to pick up. Because you have the roof and walls to play off, even if you mis-hit, the chances are the ball is still in play."

But it's the feeling of having slipped into some medieval time-warp, where notions of honour, valour, chivalry and honest craftiness — unaided by graphite, electronic eyes or aerodynamic wind-coefficients — still exist, that's the real attraction. I wilted only slightly when, having delivered a pleasingly tricky serve that died against the back wall, my coach congratulated me, adding: "You've only another 69 different styles to learn."



Hit the roof: a view of the real tennis court at Queen's

Real facts

- **Governing body:** the Tennis and Rackets Association, c/o Queen's Club, Palliser Road, London W14 9EQ (071-381 4746). The T & RA promotes the game, provides information and competition fixture lists, and will advise on your nearest court.
- **Where to play:** you must belong to a club, although trial games are allowed first. There are 19 clubs in the UK. Subscriptions vary, depending on whether the club is self-funding, offers other sports, or is subsidised: for example, Queen's £540 a year (£616 joining fee); Moreton Morrell (Warwick) £200 (£50 joining fee); Newcastle upon Tyne £30. There is restricted access where courts belong to schools or universities, or are used for other sports. Court hire, £6-£12 an hour. Balls provided free.
- **Coaching:** all clubs have at least one resident professional. Beginners get two free lessons (funded by the T & RA. Thereafter, lessons cost £6-£10 an hour.
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■ The distinction between a mugger and a beggar in Manhattan is *becoming rather blurred*

The Concise Oxford definition of to mug is to "thrash: strangle: rob with violence, especially in a public place". The Webster definition is somewhat less dramatic, but nevertheless insists that a mugging should involve at least some degree of violence. So whatever happened to me in West 44th Street last month was certainly not a mugging.

I was walking at 8.30pm along this somewhat deserted street when a young black man in a leather jacket blocked my path and said in a tense, even frantic, voice: "I am unemployed. I am desperate. Please give me money." Before I had decided how to reply, although only a few seconds had passed, he had become angry. "I'm talking to you," he said with sudden aggression. "I'm talking to you." I reached into my trouser pocket, extracted what turned out to be a $10 bill, and handed it to him. But he was not to be so easily placated. He put his hand inside his jacket and said: "I know you have money in your wallet. I have a knife. Don't make me use it on you. Take out your wallet. Give me all the money in it — *all* of it — and there will be no problem. You will go your way, and I will go mine." I did as I was told. I took out my wallet and gave him all the money it contained ($200, unfortunately; it was Friday and I had just stocked up for the weekend).

> Apparently, you should hand over all the money you have to anyone who asks for it

True to his word, he took the money and went on his way. I also went on mine, feeling perhaps a little shaken, but predominantly grateful that he had not also deprived me of my driving licence and credit cards. I even began to feel that I had struck a rather favourable bargain.

But when I have described this incident to New Yorkers — something I have done with self-indulgent frequency — I have been astonished and gratified by their reactions. Almost without exception, they have (1) shown boundless fascination with every detail; (2) insisted, against all the evidence, that I have been well and truly mugged; and (3) congratulated me on my good sense in acceding without argument to the young man's demands. "But how do I know he had a knife?" I say, hoping that someone at least will suspect me of cowardice. "Oh, you can never be too careful," they reply. "He was probably a crack addict."

On reflection, I think it highly unlikely he was a crack addict. I even doubt if he had a weapon. I think he may well have been just a spur-of-the-moment beggar who only decided to pose as a mugger when he realised that he might get more money that way. One can hardly blame him, given the conventional wisdom of the New York middle class. This states that you should always hand over all the money you have to anybody who asks for it, if he does so in an even slightly menacing way. Further conventional advice concerns prevention and damage limitation: cross the road if you don't like the look of the person coming towards you, carry only modest amounts of money on you, smile cheerfully if accosted.

There are certainly a lot of weirdos and desperadoes roaming the streets of New York with whom it would be rash to seek a confrontation. But the distinction between a mugger and a beggar is beginning to become rather blurred. There are still beggars who say "God bless you, sir" if you hand them a quarter. And the advice you are generally given is to treat all of them — good beggars, bad beggars, phoney muggers, real muggers — in much the same manner as you are treated by the bank's cash dispenser when you demand money from it with your plastic card. "Hello," the computer says on the little screen. "How can I help you?" You tap in your request for $200. "I'm working on it," the computer replies. Eventually the cash spews out. "It's always a pleasure to serve you," the computer concludes.

Far more frightening than the incident on 44th Street, was one that happened to me when I was living in Washington DC. I was walking down a dark and empty street in the middle of the city when I noticed that a large black man was approaching from the opposite direction. As he drew nearer, I began to wonder whether I should cross the street, but I felt ashamed at the thought: he had done nothing whatsoever to arouse suspicion. But as I continued walking in his direction, and he in mine, I found that my heart was racing. I told myself there was no reason for fear, and yet my anxiety grew. His footsteps grew louder, my heart beat still faster, until finally we came face to face. Then, with great suddenness, he waved his arms violently in the air, and let out a terrifying roar. I thought my heart would stop, but he did not even pause. He just walked on by, chuckling contentedly.

Feeling not only a nervous wreck but also a complete idiot, I took myself home and poured myself an enormous drink. A long time has passed since then, but that experience remains much more vivid in my memory than my recent financial transaction in midtown Manhattan.

The author edits The New Yorker's *"Talk of the Town".*

Alan Clark replies to the storm that his view of Churchill's leadership has provoked

Historians who go to war with hindsight

It is in the nature of revisionism that, at its outset, it can be depicted as heresy — as I warned in my original article on John Charmley's book *Churchill: the End of Glory* (January 2). And there has been not a little personal abuse — usually the recourse of those too lazy, or too ignorant to make rational debate. Let us at least agree that the indignation with which a particular argument is greeted is normally a good measure of its effectiveness.

My critics are indignant, and rightly so, at the notion of Britain "suing for peace" in May 1940. But this I emphatically rejected. As I said, it would have been a liquidator's audit. And it cannot often enough be repeated, that in May 1940 Britain was saved by Churchill's courage, single-mindedness and political skill.

Who was opposing him? The Foreign Office, and its secretary of state, Lord Halifax (the presence of proceeding through Mussolini's arbitration was a typical piece of Whitehall "grandmother's footsteps"), a substantial body of Conservative MPs, the Independent Labour Party, all communists (who took their orders from Stalin) and their fellow-travellers in the unions, and a good number of senior civil servants. These were the real appeasers, and there were plenty of them.

A distinguished protester on *The Times* Letters page, Lord Gladwyn, wrote that "the very idea [sic] that we could have contemplated [sic] ... such a deal ... is repugnant" (January 9). Well, in May 1940 that same Lord Gladwyn — at the time what is today called a "fast-streamer" in the civil service — wrote a report on his meeting with an Italian diplomat to prepare the negotiations. In an annexe he added: "*Personally* I should have thought it might be advisable ... *to try something like this.*" (My italics).

I know that the English language is a flexible instrument, but here we seemed to have moved from an "idea" to a "deal", from "contemplating" to "recommending".

The main reason that Lord Gladwyn claims now to be repelled by the idea, he says, is because of the Nazi regime's attitude to "Jews, Poles, Russians, gypsies". Yet there is

no mention — I mean none — in cabinet or committee minutes, or in internally circulated policy papers at any time before 1943, or in "war aims" afterwards, of the plight of these unfortunate minorities.

The sole consideration was the survival of the British nation state. This is what guided my own estimation and it would, I suggest have been better served by a stand-off agreement in the spring of 1941.

Of course Hitler's word, his signature on a treaty, was valueless. But observance of treaty obligations, as we still find today, is no more than a reflection of the signatories' national interest, as they see it at the time.

In March 1945, Hitler told Bormann that " ... in the skies over Britain she had proved her valour. We had each of us triumphed over a Latin race. What mattered [in 1941] was the World balance of Power, not the European. Pitt would have seen this, Churchill could not."

It is incontestable that had the war stopped in 1941 Britain would have been richer, stronger and more of her people would have been alive than was the case in 1945. I think we could have insisted on a demilitarisation of Norway and the Low Countries and a withdrawal from the French Atlantic seaboard. The game can be played endlessly. But, as William Waldegrave pointed out in his letter (January 12) there was only one true determinant that would decide the fate not just of Britain, but of Western liberal values — who first would harness nuclear fission to a weapon?

I recognise that hindsight is an infinitely dangerous and seductive instrument. Yet history is sterile if we condemn speculation because it offends the susceptibilities of some, or is "politically incorrect". So I am content to let Churchill himself — hero, orator and poet — arbitrate:

"It is not given to human beings, happily for them, to foresee or to predict to any large extent the unfolding course of events. In one phase men seem to have been right, in another they seem to have been wrong. Then again, a few years later, when the perspective of time has lengthened, all stands in a different setting. There is a new proportion. There is another scale of values. History with its flickering lamps stumbles along the trail of the past trying ... to kindle with pale gleams the passion of former days."

The occasion? Neville Chamberlain's funeral in November 1940.

The price of a free press

Newspapers are essentially about intrusion of lives

The paparazzi in full cry: journalism, like politics, has never been a genteel calling but curbing it with yet another law is unjustified

First things first. I am against a new commission with power to stop newspapers publishing a truth about somebody merely because privacy is breached. I am glad the government has rejected Sir David Calcutt's advice to set up such a commission.

Why then did I sign the original "Calcutt One" report (1990) which said that, if the press failed to put its house in order, such a tribunal should indeed be set up? The answer is that I do not think the press's house is in worse disorder than it was before 1990. Readers whose mouths drop open must bear with me.

A great pile of cant is now heaped atop last week's "Calcutt Two" debate. Top of the pile are the newspapers themselves. It is humbug for them (us) to deride self-regulation for lawyers, bankers, doctors, insurers, estate agents but to scream fascist, dark ages, state control — at any hint that press self-regulation might be less than perfect. Last week the papers cheered to the skies Richard Branson's humiliation of Lord King. The means of that humiliation were libel laws that the press never ceases to castigate when used against itself.

There is no inherent wrong in laws controlling the press: many exist already. Those on libel are being reformed. Privacy laws exist in other democracies. America has privacy and "false light" laws without a noticeably worse press than Britain. Statutory enforcement of a code of good practice is in itself no more state censorship than is the Broadcasting Complaints Commission, the Advertising Standards Authority or a dozen other statutory tribunals.

Nor can it help the press cause wilfully to misread Calcutt Two. It does not ban investigative journalism. Calcutt One proposed extending the criminal law to cover certain uses of telephoto lenses and bugging devices: it said reporters and photographers who intrude on people's private property should explain how the community benefits from the intrusion, or be guilty of an offence. Publication of the resulting material would not be an offence, only the intrusion if unwarranted. The famous *Times* bugging of corrupt policemen — much cited this week as "impossible under Calcutt" — is as clear a case of a defensible investigation as I can imagine.

All of this was in Calcutt One and has yet to be implemented by an inert government. But what of Calcutt Two's second proposal, the notorious tribunal? The 1990 committee said that a statutory tribunal would be triggered, first if the press failed to support the Press Complaints Commission and second, if there was "less than overwhelming" compliance with the PCC and/or "a total collapse in standards".

Sir David now believes that the PCC has been dominated by its press members and is thus spineless. He also says that the Ashdown, Mellor, Bottomley, Morton affairs and the royal phones taps indeed indicate a collapse in standards. He therefore had no option but to advise that the tribunal route be activated.

I disagree. The PCC may seem spineless, but largely because it drew itself so limited a remit. Lord McGregor's bizarre public agonising over whether Princess Diana did or did not sponsor the Morton biography was neither here nor there. What baffled many people was his silence on the tapes. Publishing the tapes was the most glaring "unwarranted" intrusion imaginable. As long as the royal family neither complained nor sued, it seemed that the PCC would say nothing and self-regulation seemed dead. But that failing surely reflected a particular cast of victims and regulators, not self-regulation itself.

Thus neither more vigorous self-regulation nor stronger criminal sanction have been seriously tried. But that does not mean that Calcutt One was ineffective. Following the horror libel cases of the 1980s, such as Elton John's £1 million from *The Sun*, newspapers have unquestionably been more careful. There are now in-house ombudsmen, complaint lines, correction columns and, yes, even the PCC. Both complaints to newspapers and libel writs are down as much as 40 per cent on two years ago. Even complaints of the most common intrusion, into private grief, have fallen.

There are still bad intrusions, such as the apalling treatment of Leslie Crowther's family. Politicians also suffer, for instance the largely fabricated stories about David Mellor and Norman Lamont. But politicians have long been treated thus, and often perjure themselves before libel juries in response. Journalism and politics were never genteel callings. Even the most robust rules get broken. Has the MPs' register of interests "totally collapsed" because some MPs abuse it?

What has lately blinded all reason is a single incident, the troubles in the Wales's marriage. I break only a mild confidence to recall that, during Calcutt One, we predicted this one event might test self-regulation to destruction. There was no way any detail, however intimate, of such a tragedy would not break surface somehow and enter the public domain. Newspapers would be seen at their most frantic, most tasteless, most craven. No law known to man would withstand the onslaught. No holds would be barred. Papers have indeed plumbed new depths. I never thought "quality" editors would seriously consider printing transcripts of anybody's intimate telephone conversations, as some are reportedly doing this weekend. This is not public interest journalism but pornography. Of course if a blue movie flashed up in the middle of *News at Ten* viewing figures would soar. But intimate phone conversations are as personal as pictures of love-making. To justify publishing them on the grounds that these are "public figures", that they "should be more careful", that "we kept out the blue bits", or that "we've read it, so how can we deny it to our readers?" is indeed cant. If private fax lines are humming from Australia let them; they are today's version of the schoolboy's brown envelope from Olympia Press.

Why not just admit that sex sells papers, as it sells movies or plays or novels: sex as court report, sex as fashion picture, sex nowadays as royal revelation? Judging how and how much sex to give in what sort of newspaper is a cruel test of editorial skill. When it involves a royal family, the only conceivable constraint is taste, but I bet every editor in town will breathe a sigh of relief when the tapes saga is over.

If ever there was a classic of hard cases making bad law, this is it. Newspapers are essentially about intrusion. The victims are usually, though not always, those who have voluntarily put themselves in the public eye. Where the intrusion is unjustified — a fiendishly hard boundary to define — those who suffer are mostly those best equipped to survive the shock.

A rumbustious, irresponsible press is on balance a good not an evil, but it has its price. Its evils are among the accidents of democracy. Unwarranted intrusions are neither so widespread nor so increasing as to merit yet another law, yet another court, yet another opportunity for litigation, yet another move to take all risk out of public or even private life. Accidents will happen, law or no law. People will sometimes get hurt.

But there is something that government can already do to remedy the "worst excesses of the press". It can see that the original Calcutt report is implemented. That might save a deal of bother.

Simon Jenkins

In a bowler hat

WHERE self-regulation has failed, statutory control should be brought in. That at least is what Sir David Calcutt concludes in his report into the the newspaper industry.

But his view on legal intervention is rather different when he is considering somewhat more familiar territory — the City. For wearing his alternative hat of chairman of the Takeover Panel, Calcutt is the staunchest advocate of — wait for it — self-regulation.

This fondness for the light touch of self-control emerges from answers Calcutt gave to the Commons trade and industry select committee on the work of the Takeover Panel in March 1991. Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat MP, questioned Calcutt on whether the work of the panel might be enhanced if it became a statutory body.

Calcutt was emphatic: "One has to look at the entire picture to see whether we would be better off with something statutorily based than not. I personally believe we would be worse off." Of the present system Calcutt said: "I do believe it is a system which works and in which I personally have faith."

Campbell perservered. "What would the Panel have to fear from a statutory framework?" Calcutt responded: "It has nothing to fear in the narrow sense. What it does have to fear is that you would have the Panel, instead of being master of its own house, subject to cases which might be dealt with in a contemporaneous context rather than historical: the greater the involvement of the courts, the lack of flexibility, the lack of certainty in decisions and the speed."

Kenneth Warren, the then chairman, in a line which could have straight from the Calcutt's new report, pressed Calcutt on whether the self-regulatory Panel, originally set up by the Bank of England, had sufficient powers? Calcutt said. "... I do not believe I require additional powers or an alteration of the basis upon which the Panel operates ... The characteristics of the Panel we have at the moment, and, being master in its own house, it has the flexibility to adapt the Code as circumstances may require."

Lord McGregor, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, could not have put it better himself.

DIARY

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GEORGE Carey had better watch out. The Movement for a Continuing Church of England, which holds its annual meeting today, is pushing for his excommunication. In front of senior members of other traditional churches, Michael Mowbray Silver, one of the movement's co-ordinators, will suggest that the "most logical step to preserving our faith and rebuilding a true Church of England would be to excommunicate the Archbishop of Canterbury".

Mowbray Silver and the rest of the MCCE, which numbers "2,000 members, and rising", is pushing for an "orthodox Church of England. "Women priests are the last straw."

To undertake excommunication, he claims, a willing bishop must be found. "There are a lot of bishops who are sympathetic to our cause but getting them to do anything about it is a different matter. They speak out in private but do nothing in public."

Such posturing does not worry Lambeth Palace. Says a spokeswoman: "There is no machinery within the Church of England for excommunication — that went out with the Reformation."

It's very you, darling

Secret success

WITH electronic bugging back in vogue, there could not be a better time for Jonathan Aitken to launch his already acclaimed biography of Richard Nixon. In *Nixon, The Life*, Aitken dwells on the former president's successful re-entry on to the world stage at the Oxford Union in 1978.

But unknown to the author, the man who invited Nixon to Oxford was one of the guests at the party held at Aitken's home on Thursday evening.

At the time Alan Duncan, now Conservative MP for Rutland and Melton, was 21 and about to launch an unsuccessful bid for the presidency of the Oxford Union. Anticipating that the union's top job was already his, Duncan, the union's treasurer, invited Nixon to make his first overseas speaking engagement since his resignation. Nixon accepted. Duncan was defeated.

The victor, Daniel Moylan, these days a councillor in Kensington, confirmed the invitation. It was at Oxford that Nixon declared: "I screwed it up and paid the price."

Despite living in the adjoining Westminster street to Aitken, Duncan was relaxed about not being mentioned in the book, which has earned the author an approving fax from Nixon's daughter, Julie. "Jonathan could never have known," says Duncan. "Hardly anyone did. I was thrilled Daniel went ahead with the invitation. The event began the international rehabilitation of Richard Nixon."

Social climbing

REASSURING news for modern-day Stanleys and Livingstones. The old-boy network is alive and well in Bhutan, the tiny Himalayan kingdom sandwiched between India and Tibet. A six-man British expedition organised by Colonel John Blashford-Snell's Scientific Exploration Society is to spend two months in Bhutan from April 1 and will climb Masagang, a 24,000ft peak on the Tibetan border.

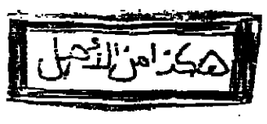
Normally, Bhutan allows only a trickle of tourists each year but this expedition is different. Julian Freeman-Attwood, the expedition leader, has been busily pulling strings, albeit rather distant ones. A friend of his mother went to school in England with Her Royal Highness Ashi Kesang, the mother of Bhutan's king Jigme Singye Wangchuck.

Freeman-Attwood is unrepentant about using his family connections. "It still costs a fortune to go but if we had no connection we might not have even got a reply. As it was we got a reply within the week."

No more flowering

THE radio career of Professor Laurie Taylor, York University's professor of sociology, may be fading. Until last year he was a regular contributor on Radio 4's *Stop the Week*. Then it was axed. This summer sees the end of *The Radio Programme*, which Taylor has presented since its began six years ago.

This is disappointing, doubly so given that Taylor and the BBC director-general John Birt went to the same school — St Mary's College, Liverpool. Taylor, however, is older and left the before Birt arrived. He says he has never met *him*, "apart from perhaps once in the BBC lift". Taylor hopes radio commissions will still interrupt senior common-room life. "It's so nice to have a change from people talking about hydrangeas."



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Elizabeth Dickson meets a couple who have made a narrow boat their second home, far from the urban rush even in the city

Cast off the cares of a land-locked life

Hoot three times and ask for service" is a strange request to find at a London restaurant. The kitchen of this Indian eaterie overlooks the water, however, and the message stuck in the window is to attract boatmen on the Grand Union Canal where it flows parallel to the Harrow Road, in west London. To the Morgan family, gliding past as they navigate their narrow boat, the sign is just another example of how different some aspects of life are when viewed from the water, rather than the shore.

It is unusual, too, to see herons and kingfishers in the city. Unless, of course, you have reason to be alongside the towpath, just around the corner from the W11 branch of Sainsbury's, as Jacki Morgan was when she saw, at the edge of the canal, these birds perched among the rushes.

Likewise, when catering, the Morgans have to be prepared for unlikely visitors. Several times, wildlife has helped itself to food from the kitchen. On one occasion a swan put its neck through the slatted window at breakfast time and commandeered the croissants.

One way and another, things are so refreshingly different aboard that television producer/director Andrew Morgan and his wife Jacki find the time spent on their ark-like home-from-home induces a profound sense of relaxation. Cares float away, literally. Lock gates are less stressful than traffic lights to pause by, and standing up at the helm, with one hand on the tiller, is altogether more edifying than crouching over the steering wheel of a car. In addition, there is the pleasure of being out in the open air, the sounds of the city dulled by water, and the occasional good smell wafting by.

For example, when we left the Uxbridge moorings during an early evening last summer to travel on a poplar-lined stretch of water, the air felt remarkably pollution-free, and the fragrance of elderflower blossom drifted from towpath greenery. Ahead of us, ducks acted as outriders.

The decision to become boat-owners came about after Mr and Mrs Morgan spent a day navigating a boat hired by Mr Morgan's father back to its moorings, an expedition which they felt to be a great success. So, having spent the first dozen years of their marriage hunting in vain for a second home, they passed the next 12 as owners of *March Hare*, a second-hand narrow boat which they bought in 1979. For much of this time the craft was based at Port Meadow, only a mile from the centre of Oxford.

In May last year, the Morgans were able to fulfil a long-standing wish to step aboard their own custom-built boat, called *Florence*. They had it made with built-in sleeping quarters: a master bedroom and a separate cabin for children or visitors.

Other streamlining comforts include the walk-in clothes cupboard and a colour television set. Certainly for the Morgans, with their two adult children and numerous boat-visiting friends, this way of living, with painted decorative roses round the cratch board, beats the cottage idyll with real roses every time.

Sleek comfort: Andrew and Jacki Morgan in the cabin of *Florence*

> Standing up at the helm, with one hand on the tiller, is altogether more edifying than crouching over the steering wheel of a car

Mr Morgan makes the advantages of his property afloat sound carefree. He says: "For a start, there's no lawn to mow. And when you get fed up with having your home in one place, you can just move it."

The same insouciance applies to potential problems with neighbours, for you are never stuck for long with the people next door: as one 6'10" wide boat passes another, just a wave of the hand will suffice. However, Mrs Morgan says, the degree of nosiness afloat is as well-honed as that of any net-curtain twitcher in suburbia, and people love to gaze into each other's portholes, if only fleetingly.

Animals are inquisitive too, particularly dogs, sheep and cows. Once, when the boat was moored, a horse stuck its head around the saloon door, and on another occasion, when Jacki was changing into smart attire for a school speech-day ashore, she turned to see a heifer peeping through the window. Birds such as kingfishers are shy, but geese have no conscience about using the roof as their landing strip.

The new boat is named *Florence*, in keeping with the narrow-boat tradition for Victorian girls' names (no need to travel far before seeing *Prudence* or *Violet*, alongside others with names like *Dreamland Daisy*). Also characteristic is the richly coloured and ornate exterior paintwork, for the motifs of roses, castles and barley-twist spirals are realised in a robust style like fairground designs. The glossy patterns for *Florence* were painted by Mrs Morgan, who learnt her art from signwriter Tricia Parrott. While she was putting the finishing touches to her work, the Morgans lived aboard for a fortnight on the canal at Little Venice, in west London, principally to test the new boat. This routine involved keeping their push-bikes on board so that each evening one of them could pedal back to their house in Marylebone to check the telephone messages.

The steel, 60ft boat was built by Colecraft, near Rugby, then brought on a low-loader and lowered by crane into the canal at Northolt, where Highline Yachting has moorings. Here, it was fitted out by Highline's expert Gwen Cox to meet all the necessary requirements for the Certificate of Compliance, issued by a marine surveyor to show that the boat conforms with the regulations of the British Waterways Board.

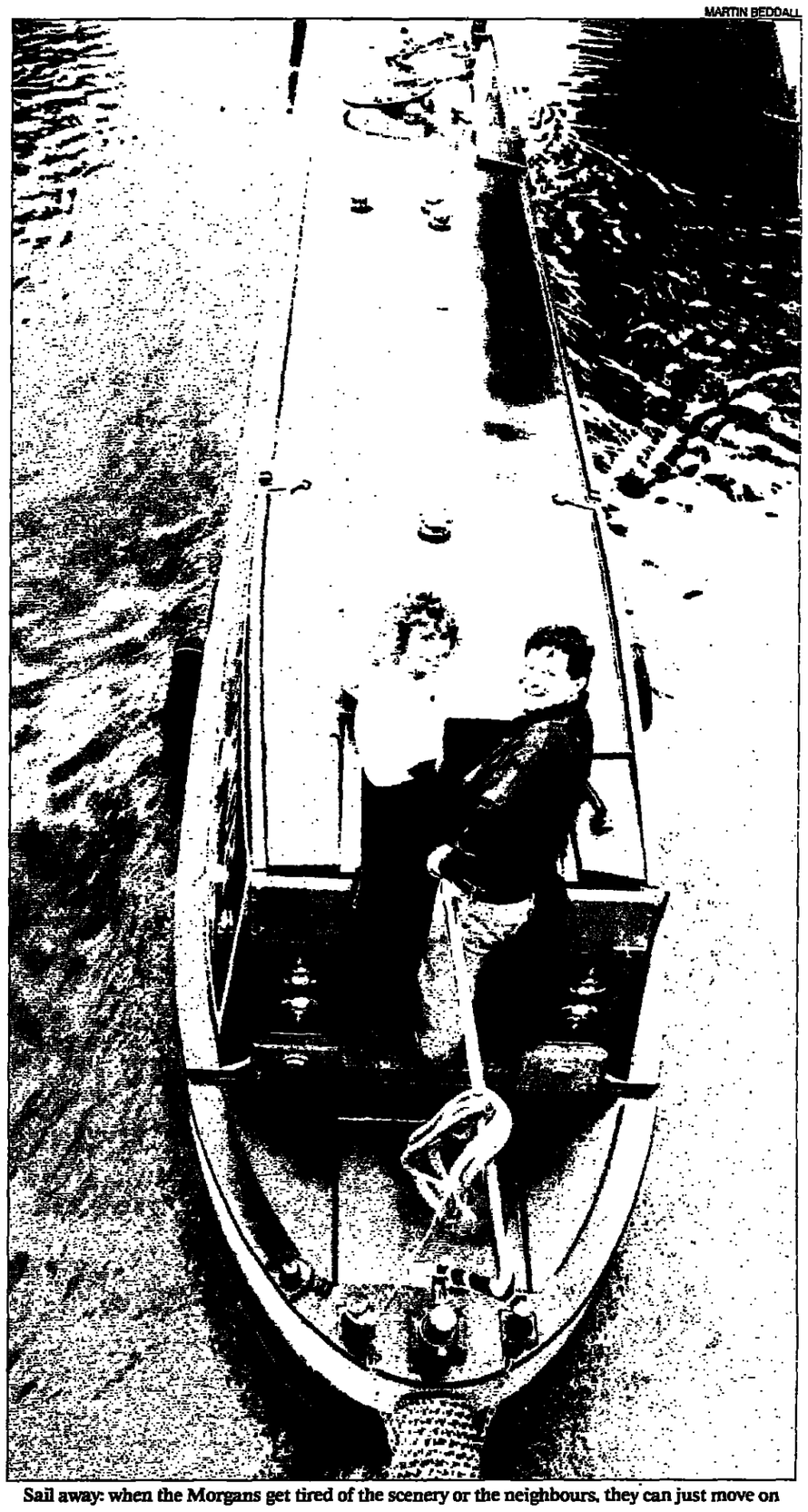
In addition to a good bathroom, there is now a sleek hob, grill, cooker and full-size refrigerator. Behind the varnished wood panelling are tucked two boilers, a Valiant for the hot water and an Alde to heat the central heating radiators. Electricity works either from a built-in 12v system, or they can plug into a 240v system on shore when it is necessary to use power tools or hair-dryers.

The cost of having *Florence* built and fitted out was about £45,000. The estimated budget for annual running costs is £2,500. This covers everything except food bills, and includes such items as insurance, petrol for weekend return car journey, diesel fuel, mooring fees, gas cylinders (around £9 each). It also includes the annual boat licence from the British Waterways Board for cruising on non-tidal waters, which costs about £300. As the bottom was sandblasted at the time of building, this will not be a maintenance cost to budget for during the next seven years.

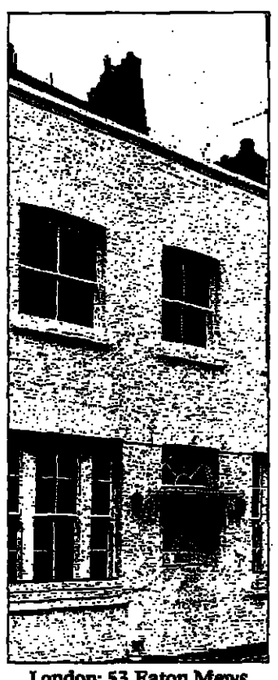
On the credit side, there are no telephone, mains gas or electricity bills and no annual community charge either.

Among the future trips the Morgans have in mind is a plan to explore the newly restored Kennet and Avon Canal from Reading to Bath, but for a holiday with a real sense of freedom, the idea is to take *Florence* for a meander down the inlands waterways of France — in particular, the Canal du Midi, which winds from Bordeaux to Toulouse and beyond.

MARTIN BEDDALL



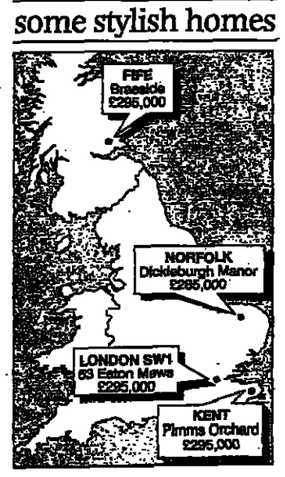
Sail away: when the Morgans get tired of the scenery or the neighbours, they can just move on



London: 53 Eaton Mews South, Belgravia, SW1. Freehold mews cottage. Two bedrooms, reception room, fitted kitchen. About £295,000 (John D. Wood, 071-408 0055).

FOR SALE
about £290,000

From orchards to a Norfolk manor, **Cheryl Taylor** on some stylish homes



Scotland: Braeside, Charlestown, Fife. Modernised turn-of-the-century stone-built house in three acres of gardens and woodlands with views over the Firth estuary. Five bedrooms, dressing room, two bathrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, office, cloakroom and conservatory. Garage and outbuildings. About £295,000 (Knight Frank & Rutley, 031-225 7105).

Kent: Pimms Orchard, Chestnut Lane, Matfield. Thatched house in 1¼ acres of gardens and orchards. Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom. Double garage, outbuildings. About £295,000 (GA Town & Country, 0892 516990).

Norfolk: Dickleburgh Manor, Dickleburgh. Detached Grade II listed Queen Anne residence in two acres. Seven bedrooms, three bathrooms, three reception rooms, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom. Double garage, outbuildings, heated swimming pool. About £285,000 (Savills, 0603 612211).

Safety in numbers

A rash of French specialist property agencies has sprung up in Britain over the past four years. Some are highly reputable and efficient; others less so *(Cheryl Taylor writes)*. Foreign agents cannot sell property in France without a full French licence, which very few have. Many work with French agents and share the commissions on a 50-50 basis, so the buyer should not be paying any more by using a British agent.

However, some charge an additional fee, which may be difficult to spot. It is important to ascertain how much commission you are paying and to whom.

A new French agency group, Groupe France, aims to end the confusion. The group was formed by seven leading British agents, who between them offer a range of property and related services throughout France. All work with French licensed agents with whom they share the commission equally, and all adhere to the code of conduct laid down by the National Association of Estate Agents.

Buyer's France

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Of course, there are other equally respectable agents operating outside this network, but for would-be French property owners, the new group offers a one-stop property shop. One phone call puts prospective buyers in contact with a network of estate agents and services throughout France.

"Our aim is to pull together the different strands of the Anglo-French property industry and to offer the public a co-ordinated service," said Frank Rutherford, of French specialist agents Rutherfords, who has been selling property in France for the past 25 years.

The agents include Rutherfords (071-386 7240); Barbers (071-381 0112), which specialises in south-western France and Burgundy; La Collection Française (0672 516266), with properties in the west and southwest; Sifex (071-384 1200), Gascony and the Midi-Pyrénées; Alpine Apartments Agency (05447 234) the French Alps and lakes; Northern France Property (071-386 9826), Normandy and Brittany; and Crabb & Templeton (0225 810531), French commercial property.

The cream for cheese-makers

One of the best Savoyard farmhouses to come on the market for some time is for sale near Les Gets, in the Portes du Soleil ski area, between Mont Blanc and Lake Geneva. For FFr1.6 million (about £186,000), you can buy a restored seven-bedroom, two-bathroom chalet, fully furnished, with beautiful views over a wooded valley.

The 200-year-old farmhouse (below right), built in stone and wood, has been fully renovated, retaining all the original character, including beamed ceilings and open fireplaces. It has a living room with a central log fire, dining room with a large copper cheese urn hanging in one corner, and a fully fitted kitchen. The price includes some lovely antiques, cheese-making equipment, cow bells, and farmhouse furniture.

Reached by a winding mountain road which leads to forestry land, the property is situated in a small farming hamlet about ten minutes' drive from the ski lifts in Les Gets, and an hour from Geneva airport. The UK agent to contact is Alpine Apartments, Hinton Manor, Eardisland, Leominster, Herefordshire (05447 234).

Les Gets is one of the oldest resorts in the Portes du Soleil area, with some picturesque Alpine buildings and traditional timber-clad chalets. It offers good winter skiing, while for the summer months there is golf, tennis, swimming, riding, rock climbing, canoeing and hang-gliding.

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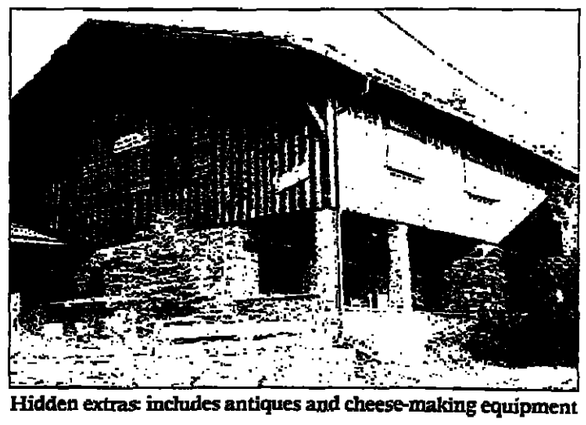
Prices vary, depending on location and accessibility to the ski slopes. You can still pick up a small flat a short bus ride from the ski lifts for as little as FFr250,000 (about £29,000), but anything on the pistes costs a great deal more.

Newly-built apartments with direct access to skiing start at FFr380,000 (about £44,000) for a studio: from FFr450,000 (£52,000) for one bedroom, and from FFr660,000 (£77,000) for a two-bedroom flat. But expect to pay at least FFr800,000 (about £93,000) for a small wooden chalet, with skiing to the back door.

Unlike in Britain, in France all costs, including the estate agent's commission, taxes and legal expenses, amounting to between ten and 25 per cent of the purchase price, must be paid by the purchaser.



Hidden extras: includes antiques and cheese-making equipment

The work of modern British classical composers has been given a leg-up by one of the legends of psychedelic rock, **Clive Davis** reports

Dead composers society – the remit

Imagine, for a moment, that you are a member of that neglected, semi-pauperised breed known as the modern British composer. You have no influential friend to give you a television commission or dip his or her hand into the funds of your regional arts board. Most of your works go unperformed, and even when they are played in public your audience probably consists of your spouse, half a dozen loyal friends and a janitor who is waiting to lock up after you have finished.

Then, one morning, an envelope arrives with an American postmark. You open it, and inside you find a letter from a charitable organisation calling itself the Rex Foundation, which compliments you on your compositions and expresses the hope that you will produce some more in the near future. Oh, and please accept this cheque for $10,000.

> 'We met in a pub, and he just said: "How much money do you need?"'

At this point, you might expect to wake up and find that it has all been a very pleasant dream. But no, the Rex Foundation really exists. Stranger still, this mysterious and secretive body is administered by those apostles of high-decibel psychedelia, the Grateful Dead.

Twenty-five years on, the band still attracts an army of dedicated followers, affectionately known as Deadheads, and continues to promote its own version of the West Coast counter-culture. The unlikely story of how the group has helped promote the work of a disparate collection of British composers — including the late Bernard Stevens and the veteran Robert Simpson, as well as the avant-gardists Chris Dench and Michael Finnissy — is told in Jeremy Marre's *Arena* documentary "The Grateful and the Dead", to be shown on BBC 2 next Friday (9.30pm).

Marre first stumbled across the story when he was filming the Dead for a Channel 4 series about the art of improvisation. When he raised the question of paying the band a fee, Marre was told to give the money to the foundation, which had been set up in memory of a roadie who died in the 1970s. Since the early 1980s the band, which is famous for spending months on the road (to the extent that it remains America's highest-grossing live group), has raised funds for the organisation through a special series of concerts. Those held last May raised about $450,000.

Decisions on how to spend the money are made by the musicians and the staff. "It's an extraordinary operation," Marre says. "The Dead have 120 people on their payroll, all on pensions. They all get the same money – down to the man who sits at the door of the studio all day long and checks people in and out. They all have a say in where the foundation money goes."

And so money flows out, to American environmental groups and Aids charities and Jungian institutes. According to Marre, the Dead have their own pet projects. Guitarist Bob Weir, for example, sends money to impoverished blues musicians and their families. And this is where the British composers enter the picture, for the bassist Phil Lesh is an aficionado of contemporary classical music.

The Anglo-American relationship began about eight years ago, after Lesh — who once studied composition under Luciano Berio — had heard a bootleg recording of Adrian Boult conducting Havergal Brian's "A Gothic Symphony", a sprawling work which requires a 200-piece orchestra, four brass bands and a choir of some 700. Brian, who died in 1972, composed 32 symphonies in all, but fewer than half were performed in his lifetime. Lesh was so impressed by the "Gothic" that he contacted David Brown, then the secretary of the Havergal Brian Society.

"I had a call from a man who said he was from the Grateful Dead," Brown says. "I'd just about heard of them. We met in a pub, and he just said, 'How much money do you need?' "

A first instalment of $10,000 was soon on its way, and was used to fund a recording of Brian's Seventh and 31st symphonies, with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra under Sir Charles Mackerras. Another injection of cash followed, and the society has now embarked on a cycle of Brian's symphonies.

Lesh then forged a link with Chris Dench, who happened to be published by the same firm as Brian. During a visit to the office one day he happened to notice a letter from Lesh lying on a desk. As luck would have it, Dench was himself a Deadhead, and decided to contact Lesh. Other recipients of largesse since then have included Simpson, Michael Finnissy, James Dillon and Richard Barrett. Lesh has also given money towards the first recordings of compositions by Stevens, who died in 1983.

A further series of commissions and recordings has already been set in train for the coming year. Otherwise, the composers have little face-to-face contact with Lesh, who normally communicates by letter or fax. Apart from financing projects, he arranges for the composers' music to be played on a regular slot on a San Francisco radio station.

"When I first heard about all this, I thought it was a great story," Marre says. "The only problem was that the Dead didn't want to publicise it. It's very secretive. When you ring the Rex Foundation's number, you're told to 'expect to hear from us in about a year'.

"The composers don't belong to one distinct school. Lesh seems to be attracted to artists who are nonconformists or outsiders in one way or another. He just listens to tapes and finds things in them which appeal to him. Some of the composers didn't even know at first where the money had come from.

"The Dead are distributing a video of the film in the United States. The BBC have given away the rights, so the nice thing is that part of the royalties will be going back to the foundation and English musicians. Of course, all the Deadheads will rush out to buy it. I'll be very interested to see their reactions when they listen to someone like Finnissy."

Workingman's bread: money from Phil Lesh, the Grateful Dead's bass player, led to compositions by the late Bernard Stevens being recorded for the first time

Saint-Saëns meets the master singers

The Bastille Opera's Samson is crowned with strength, sensuousness and Wagnerian locks

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Ever since it opened its doors in Paris, the Bastille Opera has had something of a beleaguered look. But no sign of its buffetings, on stage and off, is visible in the first major recording to come from the house, **Samson et Dalila** (EMI 0777 7 54470 2, 2 CDs).

Myung-Whun Chung, the Bastille's music director, wisely takes on a French opera and proves that he is a top-rank Saint-Saëns conductor. His control of the orchestra and chorus — the latter often placed far back from the microphones — is superbly disciplined.

Chung, like his *Samson* predecessors on record, led by Barenboim and Davis, has an instant feel for the sensuousness of Saint-Saëns' opera: The opening of Act II, with the orchestra allowing a light breeze to flicker across the valley of Sorek at dusk, is magical.

He covers up the banalities as far as he can, including the trivial Bacchanale in the last act. And, best of all, he makes *Samson* sound like the Wagnerian opera it really can be when Saint-Saëns is at his most inspired.

Most of these peaks come in Act II. Here Chung is powerfully abetted by **Placido Domingo** and **Waltraud Meier** in the title roles. Domingo's tenor has darkened since he first recorded *Samson* with Barenboim 15 years ago, and all to the good.

He may not bring the pathos of Carreras to the Act III aria "Vois ma misere", but no one matches him in succumbing to Dalila's blandishments earlier.

Meier easily surpasses her rivals as the siren of the Gaza. She is an experienced exponent of Wagner and it shows as the tones of hatred at the start of Act II are lethally sweetened with Palestinian milk and honey to achieve Samson's downfall.

Domingo: a dark Samson

There are no passengers in the Bastille's supporting cast. Alain Fondary is full of zeal as the High Priest of Dagon. Jean-Philippe Courtis makes his mark as the short-lived Abimelech. And there is even Samuel Ramey in the tiny role of the Old Hebrew. This is the best of the available *Samsons*: more French opera, please, from the Bastille.

Saint-Saëns first conceived *Samson* as an oratorio: fortunately he had second thoughts. Gounod's **Mors et Vita** (EMI CDS 754459 2, 2 CDs) is oratorio through and through. It was commissioned by the Birmingham Festival and first performed in 1885, making it a few years younger than *Samson*.

But there is no disguising it as other than a late Victorian dinosaur, a curiosity for those who like their religious music scored for multiple trumpets and assembled harps. The oratorios which Gounod wrote towards the end of his career have become the least fashionable works of a now none too fashionable composer.

But there are rewards for those prepared to stay the course of just over two and a half hours' music. **Michel Plasson** and his **Toulouse Capitole** are expert Gounod interpreters, and so too are his astutely chosen soloists.

The baritone takes the largest slice of the action, especially when Mors (the Requiem) is over and Gounod switches to Vita (St John's vision of the promised land). One reason undoubtedly is that Sir Charles Santley was engaged for the premiere.

José Van Dam cannot boast a knighthood, but his baritone, whether separating the sheep from the goats or seeing a new Jerusalem, has few equals in the French repertoire. John Aler's tenor is notably attractive in the "Inter oves" and Barbara Hendricks exudes female sweetness.

Gounod, alas, was prevented from conducting the premiere of this deeply pious work because of a little extra-marital strife he had at the time with the Weldon family in London and his wife in Paris.

JOHN HIGGINS

Costello gets classical gassy, Genesis go to great lengths

This year's model: Elvis Costello (centre) makes serious music with the Brodsky Quartet

The self-importance of being earnest

ROCK RECORDS

In the years since the Beatles instructed George Martin to score an eight-piece string arrangement for "Eleanor Rigby", the image of the *déclassé* pop musician seeking inspiration from the starched formality of the classical music world has become something of a cliché. Attempts at mixing the two have been at best quixotic (Deep Purple's 1970 *Concerto For Group and Orchestra*, the Who's rock opera, *Tommy*) and at worst downright clownish (virtually anything by the Electric Light Orchestra).

But more recently, the boot has been on the other foot and some classical musicians such as Nigel Kennedy and the *Kronos Quartet* have been assiduously courting acceptance in the popular music market, whether by choice of repertoire or hairstyle.

The Brodsky Quartet are very much of this school. No one in the group is older than 33, their concert wardrobe is designed by Issy Miyake and on the cover of their latest album, *Brodsky Unlimited*, they posed in T-shirts and jeans on the back of a motorcycle.

Among those drawn to their modish interpretations of Shostakovich, Haydn and Bartók is **Elvis Costello**, a man whose increasingly earnest demeanour has for several years seemed uncomfortably at odds with the imperatives of rock performance.

Having formed a mutual admiration society in 1989, Costello and the quartet have now collaborated on *The Juliet Letters* (Warner Bros 9362-45180-2), a long series of short compositions for voice and strings.

The project has clearly not been undertaken in any frivolous or half-hearted manner — indeed, quite the reverse — and, despite the agile performances of the musicians and Costello's intricate and sometimes witty wordplay, the mood of the collection is unremittingly somber.

Loosely based on the theme of letter-writing, it swoops in rapid succession from suicide note ("Dear Sweet Filthy World") to junk mail ("This Offer Is Unrepeatable"), from love letter ("Taking My Life In Your Hands") to "deranged political graffiti" ("Swine").

Violins, viola and cello saw mournfully away as Costello gobbles up his words like a starving man. But despite the profusion of emotions which these missives seek to evoke, there is an aura of clinical detachment hanging over the performances, as if the letters, whether joyful or tearful, are all being read by the same unblinking eye.

It may be a laudable accomplishment technically, but even allowing for the fact that to ears attuned to modern pop there is something intrinsically dolorous about the sound of a chamber quartet, the net effect is still pretty grim.

In their own way, **Genesis** owe as much as anyone to the classical conceits of the Beatles. Once "pop" had been turned into "art", the way was clear for them and the other "progressive" groups of the Seventies to create extended, neo-symphonic pieces of the sort now gathered on *The Way We Walk Two: The Longs* (Virgin GEN 5)

A companion to last year's album *The Way We Walk One: The Shorts* this is a collection of all the lengthiest chunks from their recent live show. The briefest item is the self-explanatory "Drum Duet" (six minutes), the longest a 20-minute medley incorporating "I Know What I Like ...", "The Lamb Lies Down On Broadway", and others.

Although brilliantly played and faithfully recorded, the convoluted arrangements and meandering pace of the album quickly become wearing. No matter how often and in what direction the envelope is stretched, rock is plainly an art form which stubbornly remains at its best when served up by noisy instruments in four-minute chunks.

DAVID SINCLAIR

● *Elvis Costello and the Brodsky Quartet are the subjects of an Arena special tonight (BBC2, 9.25pm).*

Soundtrack and sound tracks

Spike Lee's film about Malcolm X has double the usual ration of spinoffs

As many a cynic has already observed, Spike Lee knows a thing or two about merchandising. After all the hullabaloo about the use of the "X" logo on souvenir T-shirts and assorted designer accessories, there now comes not one, but two albums drawn from the soundtrack of his film about the life of Malcolm X. And highly contrasting discs they are too, one devoted to the orchestral score, the other a collection of vintage hits which helps to evoke black America's changing mood.

JAZZ RECORDS

Aretha Franklin: stirring

Music has played an important role in Lee's earlier films, beginning with the tasteful jazz charts by his father, Bill Lee, on *She's Gotta Have It*. **Malcolm X** proves to be no exception, although Terence Blanchard's settings on *The Original Motion Picture Score* (Forty Acres/Columbia CK-53190) (import) are largely given over to surprisingly restful textures for strings.

An abrasive trumpeter who spent most of the 1980s in the shadow of Wynton Marsalis, Blanchard wrote the score of Lee's *Jungle Fever* and served as technical adviser on *Mo' Better Blues*. On the latest assignment the strings are augmented by a weighty team of improvisers — players of the calibre of Branford Marsalis and the pianist Roland Hanna — who are set to work on the jazz interludes. Given the nature of the project there is little space for the musicians to do more than sketch a theme or the beginnings of a solo before the narrative moves on and the orchestra makes another entrance.

Some of the pieces last barely more than a minute. As with most film scores, the music loses much of its impact when listened to in isolation from the moving image, but it will be interesting to see how Blanchard will apply the stylistic lessons to his own work in future. As for *Music From The Motion Picture Soundtrack* (Qwest Reprise 9-45130) (import) think of it as a digitalised jukebox, spilling out an irresistible string of much-loved standards from Ella Fitzgerald on "Azure" to John Coltrane's "Alabama" and a stirring choral finale from Aretha Franklin on "Someday We'll All Be Free". All of this puts the one slab of dreary, agit-prop rap, "Revolution" by Arrested Development, very much in its place.

Lee has explained that part of his aim is to help the Nike and Nintendo generation rediscover its musical heritage. Whatever the merits of his film, that is a laudable goal.

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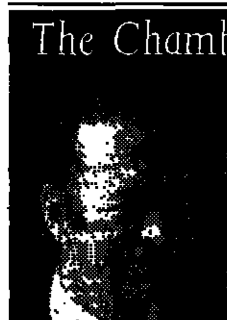

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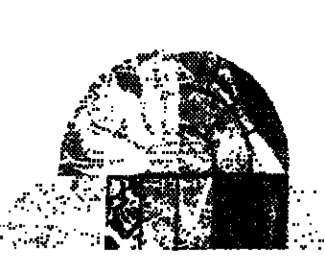

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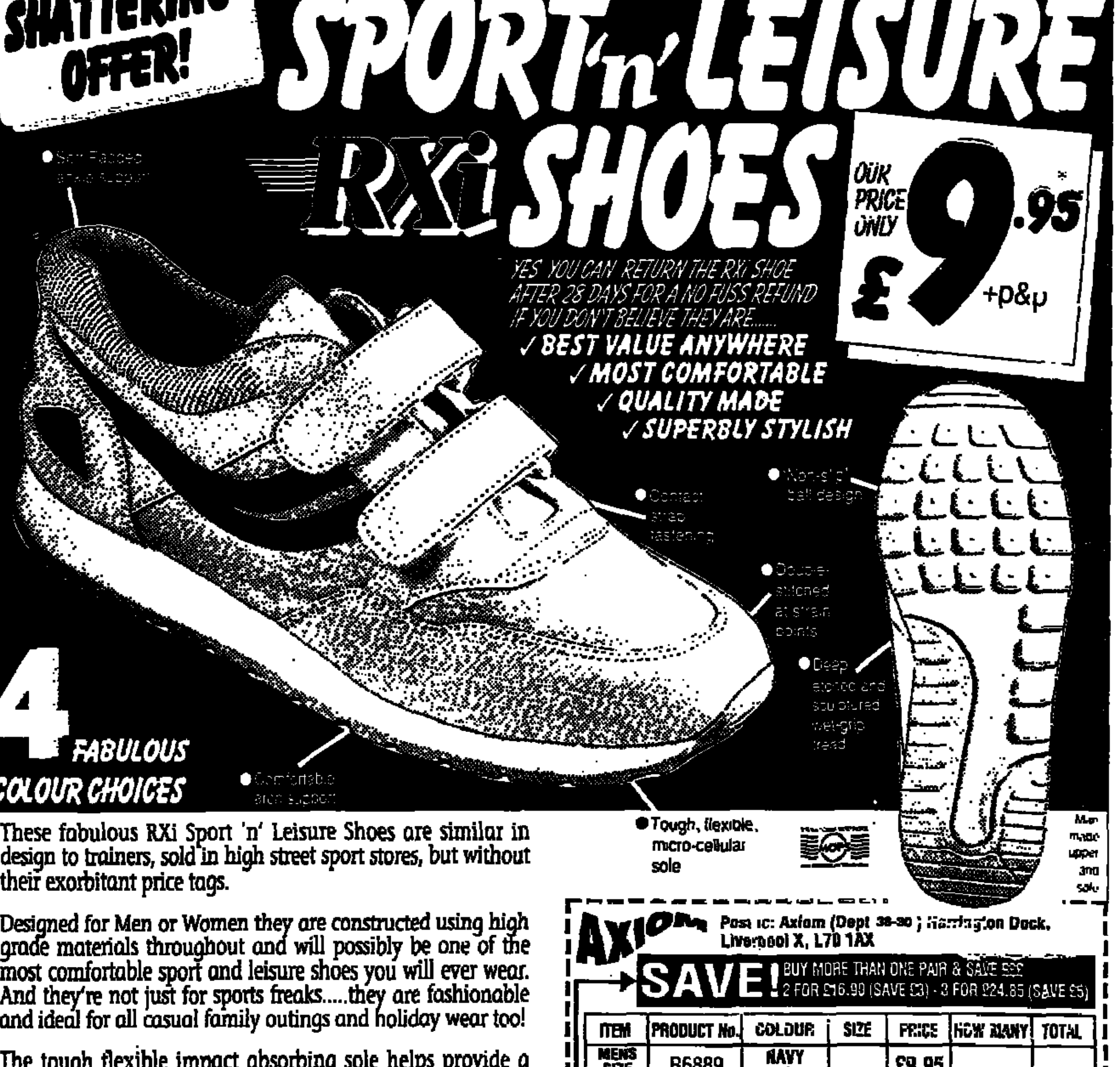

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7.30 Henry's Cat. Feline fun (r) (8436177) **7.35 Wiz Bang.** Early-morning antics (s) (7242564) **7.50 Littl' Bits.** Animated adventures of the forest pixies (r) (4671177) **8.10 Eggs 'n' Baker.** Cheryl Baker looks at different ways to serve exotic fruit and vegetables (s) (7930577) **8.35 Tom and Jerry.** Fun with the famous double-act (r) (2811974)
9.00 Going Live! Sarah Greene and Philip Schofield are joined by *Coronation Street*'s dotty barmaid Raquel (Sarah Lancashire) (s) (64784142) **12.12 Weather** (7865451)
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): *12.20 Football Focus: Bob Wilson and Gary Lineker* review the week's football action **12.45, 1.20** and **1.55** Racing from Ascot. Philip Cornes Novices Hurdle (**12.50**), Grosvenor Insurance Handicap Chase (**1.25**) and the Victor Chandler Handicap Chase (**2.00**); **1.00** News; **1.05, 1.35** and **2.10** Rugby Union, a preview and live coverage (kick off 2.30) of the match between England and France from Twickenham and highlights of the game at Murrayfield between Scotland and Ireland **4.40** Final Score (89114210). Northern Ireland: 1.35 Rugby Union. Scotland v Ireland live (2.00 kick off)
5.15 News with Jennie Bond. Weather (6264622)
5.25 Regional News and sport (4486644). Wales (to 6.00): Wales on Saturday
5.30 Dad's Army. Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier star in Jimmy Perry's and David Croft's vintage comedy following the bumbling antics of a Home Guard to protect their village from Hitler. Frazer loses a vital part of equipment (r). (Ceefax) (158)
6.00 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith meets Vicki Michelle, Tony Hawkes, Kevin Lloyd and Dave Benson Phillips. (Ceefax) (s) (871)
6.30 Noel's House Party. Stephanie Beacham joins Noel Edmonds in Crinkley Bottom this week, and Yvette Fielding is presented with her "Gotcha Oscar" (s) (290887)
7.25 The Paul Daniels Magic Show The diminutive magician is joined by Anja and Adnan from Switzerland, Londoner Michael Vincent, Kathy Staff and Jess Conrad. With Martin Daniels and Debbie McGee. (Ceefax) (s) (646626)
8.15 Casualty Realistic medical drama set in a city hospital's busy accident and emergency department. Ash faces domestic and professional crises; Josh is injured by a mentally unstable patient, and everyone speculates about the appointment of a new consultant. (Ceefax) (s) (140968)
9.05 News and weather (405451)

Cowboy tactics: Steve Martin plays a fatherly role (9.25pm)

9.25 Film: Parenthood (1989) starring Steve Martin as the father of three rather odd children. He is determined that they will have a happier childhood than he did. But, of course, parents' expectations for their children rarely match reality. With Mary Steenburgen and Jason Robards. Directed by Ron Howard. (Ceefax) (13377264)
11.25 Match of the Day. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of two of today's Premier League matches. The commentators are Gerald Sinstadt and Clive Tyldesley (s) (521806)
12.25am Film: Phantom of Hollywood (1974). Daft story about a disfigured actor turned killer whose secret lair in the MGM backlot is threatened with redevelopment. Starring Jack Cassidy and Jackie Coogan. Directed by Gene Levitt (1649185)
1.35 Weather (8862630)

BBC2

8.00 Open University: Science Preparatory Maths: Graphs (4335887) **8.15** Something for Everyone (9639500) **8.40** The Flight of the Eagle (2816429)
9.05 Film: The Southerner (1945, b/w) starring Zachary Scott as a migratory worker attempting to save his run down cotton farm from man and the elements. Directed by Jean Renoir (4433871)
10.35 James Johnson — Amongst the Greats The tenor talks about his life (r) (4862974)
11.15 The Strange Affair: The Pied Piper. Robert Symes investigates the truth behind Robert Browning's poem (r) (17103)
11.45 Donovan the Diviner featuring Donovan Wilkins and his wife Margaret who make a living from water divining (r) (667644)
12.15 Film: Show Business (1944, b/w) Eddie Cantor stars in a tale based loosely on his life story. With Joan Davis and George Murphy. Directed by Edwin L. Marin (205790)
1.45 Animation Now: Living Colours by Michael Herbert (31132239)
1.50 Network East. Asian magazine programme (s) (13536036)
2.20 Tanhaiyan. Episode 11 of the 13-part drama following the fortunes of two sisters growing up in Pakistan. In Urdu with English subtitles (1032332)
3.00 Film: Lady L (1965) starring Sophia Loren as a laundress-turned-aristocrat who, on her 80th birthday, reminisces about her sexual adventures. Directed by Peter Ustinov (26030005)
4.45 The Sky at Night (r) (s) (3014177)
5.05 Figure Skating European championships from Helsinki (2659210)
6.00 Scrutiny. The work of Parliament's committees. (Ceefax) (413)
6.30 Crufts 1993. Peter Purves, Jessica Holm, Mike Stockman and Les Crawley introduce live coverage of the top dog show from the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham (s) (993)
7.00 News and sport with Jennie Bond. Weather (266968)
7.15 Sounds of the 70s. The first in a ten-part series of vintage music from the archives. Includes performances by T Rex, Sweet, Slade, Gary Glitter and Mott the Hoople (s) (604871)
7.50 Fine Cut: In the Land of the Deaf.
● CHOICE: A second season of this series of feature-length documentaries gets off to an impressive start with Frenchman Nicholas Philibert's award-winning film about deaf people. The accent is not so much on how we see their world as how they see ours. There is no voice-over and deaf people speak straight to camera as they explain the problems they have had with the hearing as well as the joys of meeting others with the same disability. One woman describes how, until the age of eight, she believed that, since there were no deaf adults at her school, deaf children must never grow up. In other parts of the film Philibert makes us interpret through our eyes as the camera lingers lovingly on faces and emotions (81134968)

Voice and strings: Elvis Costello, Brodsky Quartet (9.25pm)

9.25 The Juliet Letters
● CHOICE: Singer Elvis Costello has a terrific voice which may not yet have been discovered by those uninterested in rock. All that could be about to change however. *The Juliet Letters* is the name of a new song sequence performed by Costello in unlikely partnership with the Brodsky Quartet. It's a work which defies categorisation with Costello's impassioned singing complementing the tight "classical" playing of the quartet. The title derives from a newspaper article about a Veronese professor who decided to answer the many letters addressed to Shakespeare's Juliet Capulet, but the work spins off into new directions as Costello takes us through many different types of epistle, from the child's letter to the suicide note. The music is paramount but there are also interviews exploring what Costello calls the "sonic fluke" of their working so well together (291332)
10.20 Moving Pictures. Howard Schuman presents a profile of producer Robert Evans (671500)
11.10 Film: Marathon Man (1976). Thriller starring Dustin Hoffman as a marathon runner who unwittingly crosses the path of a sinister Nazi war criminal (Laurence Olivier). Includes the notorious torture scene in the dentist's chair. Directed by John Schlesinger (89900500). Ends at **1.15am**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (7585603)
9.25 What's Up Doc? Andy Crane, Pat Sharp and Yvette Fielding are joined by Sister Sledge and 2 Unlimited (s) (91962784)
11.30 Movies, Movies, Movies. Featuring *Singles* with Matt Dillon and the latest video release *Far and Away* starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman (5622)
12.00 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (85968)
1.00 News and weather (34278806) **1.05 London Today** (34277177)
1.10 Matlock. American courtroom drama series starring Andy Griffiths as the wily defence attorney (1310264)
2.05 Hard Time on Planet Earth. Comedy adventure series (5363993)
3.00 The A-Team. George Peppard leads his motley crew to join forces with three handicapped Vietnam veterans who are trying to fend off a dangerous man (r) (5326595)
3.55 WCW World Wide Wrestling from America (1629581)
4.40 News and sports results. Weather (3002332)
5.00 London Today and sport (7515806)
5.15 New Baywatch. The muscle-bound lifeguards of Los Angeles County parade the beaches in search of disaster. Matt and Summer prepare for a gruelling contest to decide who passes rookie school. (Teletext) (2755448)
6.10 Blind Date. Cilla Black plays Cupid to more hopefuls looking for romance and finds out how last week's winners fared. (Teletext) (s) (790177)
7.10 Barrymore. A new series of the show in which the comedian travels the length and breadth of the country in search of the general public's hidden talents (996239)
7.55 Film: The Karate Kid III (1989). The last in the trilogy of martial arts adventures starring Ralph Macchio. When his mentor turns his back on him, Daniel turns to the villainous Terry Silver to train him to fight his arch rival. Directed by John G. Avildsen. (Teletext) (97802055)
9.55 Trouble with the 60s
● CHOICE: Those were the days my friend, but how much do you really remember of them? This entertainingly nostalgic wallow, hosted by Michael Aspel, uses an audience of Sixties celebrities to enliven what could have been a very static show. John Bird, George Best, Mary Whitehouse, Sandie Shaw and Rita Tushingham are among those reliving memories in between embarrassing clips of the way we were. It's all rather staged but the anecdotes — Shaw remembering how Andy Warhol asked her to "piddle on his painting", or Oliver Tobias recalling the hysterical audiences at *Hair* — are fascinating. Slightly more depressing is the sight of resurrected 1960s bands delivering staid versions of their wild, greatest hits (2337528)
11.10 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Regional news and weather (115264)
11.30 Film: Angel Heart (1987)
● CHOICE: Mickey Rourke has never been better than as Harry Angel, the soft-spoken, increasingly bewildered 1950s private eye in this riveting mystery thriller. Though there is a suggestion of Raymond Chandler, the mood is much darker as director Alan Parker draws us into a vortex of murder, sex and voodoo. Some of the impact of Angel's descent into hell may be lessened by the small screen and the fact that this is a "TV version", but the striking visuals and bizarre plot twists are guaranteed to engross. Charlotte Rampling and Robert De Niro are among the fine supporting cast, with De Niro gloriously over the top as the sinister businessman who hires Angel. Some tacky special effects almost ruin a shocking conclusion, but Rourke grabs our attention right to the end (12855177)
1.35am The Big E. Magazine programme for and about young Europeans (2116475)
2.40 New Music. Special edition examining the effects of violent imagery in lyrics and videos of pop music (7141036)
4.00 Coach. American comedy series (48712)
4.30 BPM. The latest news on the dance music scene (s) (75524)
5.30 ITN Morning News (74104). Ends at **6.00**

Satanic mystery: fallen gumshoe Mickey Rourke (11.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Animation (r) (s) (1705784) **6.25 Spiff and Hercules.** Cartoon adventures of a cat and dog (6236332) **6.35 Alfred J Kwak.** Tales of the animated musical duck (6548852) **7.00 Kideo.** Weather (s) (74413) **7.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors** (r) (66448) **8.00 Saved by the Bell.** Life in an American high school (8551177) **8.25 High 5.** A look at skating with Chris Edwards (8961210) **9.00 News** (4340429) **9.15 Racing: The Morning Line** (2579500)
10.00 Trans World Sport. International sporting news (55832)
11.00 Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne looks forward to tomorrow's games (79868)
12.00 American Football with Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach (r) (46581)
12.30 Songs and Memories. Sherry Rehman, Editor of the *Herald*, Pakistan's English-language magazine, talks to Zarmine Garfarza about her career (60603)
1.00 Film: Victory Through Air Power (1943, b/w) is the second of two rare pieces from the Disney studio, with Major Alexander de Seversky arguing for strategic long-range bombing of the enemy; this is preceded by **Der Fuehrer's Face** (1942) a short starring Donald Duck, which so enraged Hitler, that he immediately put Walt Disney on his hit list (60871)
2.30 Film: Objective, Burma! (1945, b/w) starring Errol Flynn as the leader of a wartime operation to knock out a Japanese base in Burma. Directed by Raoul Walsh (30014500)
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s)(4228516)
6.30 Right to Reply presented by Sheena McDonald. A look behind the scenes of the BBC's *Good Morning... with Anne and Nick* and a studio discussion on the date rape in *Brookside*. (Teletext) (s) (531)
7.00 A Week in Politics with Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley. A look at this week's rail privatisation debate and a report on a new method of opinion polling (1581)
8.00 After Desert Storm. Did the Allies win the Gulf War because of or in spite of technology? (Teletext) (r) (5559)
9.00 Stephen King's Golden Years. This week, the author of this six-part thriller emulates Hitchcock by making a cameo appearance. Harlan and Gina separate with plans to reunite at the Chicago home of their blind daughter. (Teletext) (s) (3993)

Co-hosts: Jonathan Ross and Joanna Lumley (10.00pm)

10.00 Saturday Zoo. Jonathan Ross returns with a new late-night variety show. Each week he will joined by a celebrity co-host, tonight it is Joanna Lumley. American comedian Denis Leary will be giving a jaundiced, nicotine-stained view of America each week and the music is provided by the all-female House Band (s) (9992)
11.00 Ready Steady Go! The first of a regular series of the classic 1960s music show, as opposed to the recently shown specials, features the Beatles, the Hollies and Martha and the Vandellas (786806)
11.35 Adult Oprah. Oprah Winfrey talks to sex-starved wives whose husbands invent some spectacular excuses (s) (368041)
12.30am Film: The Twelve Chairs (1970) starring Ron Moody as an impoverished Russian aristocrat who is desperately searching for a dining chair that has a fortune in jewels sewn into the seat. With Mel Brooks who also directed (521388)
2.10 The Word (r) (s) (3966727). Ends at **3.10**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Danger Bay (89974) **6.30** Elephant Boy (72535) **7.00** Fun Factory (7430055) **12.00** Barnaby Jones (71090) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (18210) **2.00** Greenacres (8326) **2.30** Facts of Life (7326) **3.00** Cartoons (27448) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (33055) **5.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (1413) **6.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (50210) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (68239) **9.00** Cops I (33239) **9.30** Cops II (13719) **10.00** All American Wrestling (47790) **11.00** Saturday Night Live (90103) **12.00** Skytext

SKY NEWS
Twenty-four hour news service

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (25974)
8.00 The Angel Levine (1970): Harry Belafonte watches over Zero Mostel (82968)
10.00 Lies of the Heart (1990): A teenager has a car accident (97332)
11.00 The Perfect Date (1989): Comedy about a disastrous evening (11968)
12.00 A Thousand Heroes (1991): Charlton Heston pilots a stricken plane (78719)
2.00pm Brenda Starr (1990). Brooke Shields as a comic-book heroine (65142)
4.00 An American Summer (1990): Michael Landes makes friends in California (9245)
6.00 Mission of the Shark: War drama about a ship-wrecked crew (43967993)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (232516)
8.00 Wings of the Apache (1990): Top Gun-style helicopter adventure (53351)
10.00 Marked for Death (1990): Steven Seagal fights drug dealer Basil Wallace (895784)
11.35 Emmanuelle 2 (1975): Sylvia Kristel has sexual adventures in Bangkok (354326)
1.05am Hardcase and Fist (1988). Martial arts thriller (5597562)
2.35 Evil Senses (1987): Mafia thriller starring Gabrielle Lavia (140524)
4.15 'Til Murder Do Us Part (1992): Meredith Baxter is spurned by husband Stephen Collins (575982). Ends at **5.50**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm The Prince and the Showgirl (1957): Laurence Olivier courts Marilyn Monroe (3245)
6.00 Harvey (1950, b/w): James Stewart befriends a white rabbit (98027500)
7.45 Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines (1965): Comedy about a London-Paris air race (94217516)
10.10 Body Heat (1981). Kathleen Turner persuades William Hurt to murder her husband (269790). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.20am The Big Night (1951, b/w): A teenager avenges his father (5866142)
7.40 Columbo: Murder of a Rock Star (1991): Starring Peter Falk (72972351)
9.20 It Nearly Wasn't Christmas (1990): A girl coaxes Santa Claus out of retirement (92851852)
11.00 Victim of Innocence (1990). Anthony John Denison rescues his daughter from Vietnam (42142)
1.00pm Return to Paradise (1953): Gary Cooper visits a South Seas island (60790)
3.00 They Might Be Giants (1971): George C. Scott believes that he is Sherlock Holmes (71177)
5.00 The Adventures of Milo and Otis (1989): Story of a dog and a cat (54429)
7.00 Loose Connections (1983): Feminist Lindsay Duncan travels to Munich with chauvinist Stephen Rea (90149)
9.00 After Dark, My Sweet (1991). Jason Patric becomes involved with alcoholic widow Rachel Ward (50264)
11.00 The Grifters (1990): Drama about three small-time crooks (504535)
12.55am Bullseye! (1991): Comedy with Michael Caine and Roger Moore (797494)
2.35 Wheels of Terror (1990): A black car preys on children (41091036)
5.00 Brother Sun, Sister Moon (1972): Franco Zeffirelli's biopic of St Francis of Assisi (17475). Ends at **7.00**

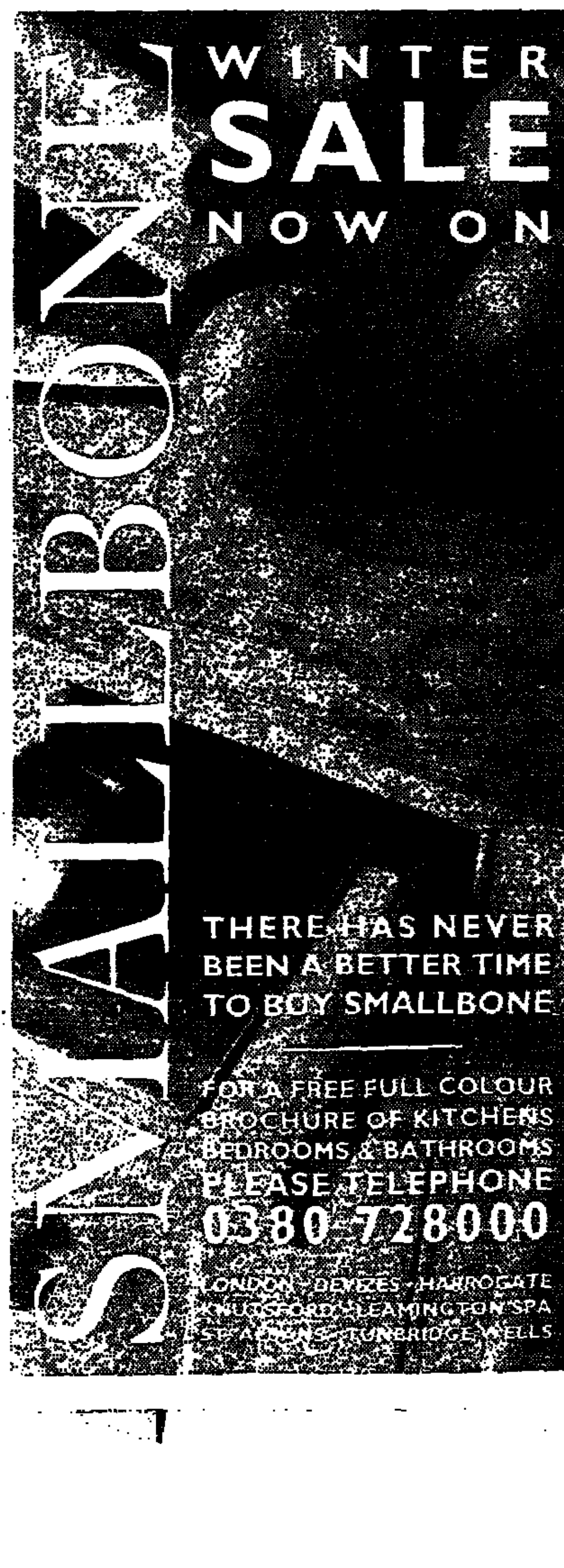
SKY SPORTS
6.30am The Big League (976644) **8.00** Gillette World Sport Special (56521) **9.30** Redline (35719) **10.30** Sky Soccer Weekend (11697) **11.30** Drag Racing (76784) **12.00** WWF Mania (79974) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (6954264) **6.00** Goal — Fila Quiz (2239) **6.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor (9719) **7.00** WWF Mania (97719) **8.00** 1992 Cricket World Cup Final (533061) **1.00am** PGA Golf (13253)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (42806) **8.00** Ford Ski Report (18697) **9.00** Speed Skating World Cup (78561) **10.30** Skiing World Cup (3899535) **11.55** Figure Skating (39335564) **3.00pm** Tennis (89577) **5.00** Euroscores Magazine (5967784) **5.05** Skiing World Cup (7695871) **6.00** Tennis: Sydney Open (904142) **9.00** Figure Skating (148239) **11.30-12.00** Euroscores Magazine (25697)

SCREENSPORT
6.00am Squash (87185) **7.00** Men's Volleyball (13142) **8.00** Skiing Review (14871) **9.00** Longitude (50351) **9.30** Motorbike Festival (26061) **10.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (58535) **11.00** Sports Magazine (73697) **11.30** NBA Action (74326) **12.00** Pro Kick (77516) **1.00pm** NBA Basketball (13852) **3.00** French Ice Racing (3603) **3.30** Paris-Dakar Rally '93 (4697) **4.00** Grundig Global Adventure Sport (9332) **4.30** Men's Volleyball (77448) **5.30** Golf (73142) **6.30** Pro Muay Thai (49697) **7.30** Top Rank Boxing (15806) **8.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (7239) **9.00** Rugby Union: England v France (84245); (**10.00**) Scotland v Ireland (67332) **11.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (61806) **11.30** Golf (20413) **12.30am** NFL American Bowl (49415) **2.30** NBA Action (36765) **3.00** Bowling World Cup 1992 (23611) **4.00-6.00** Bundesliga (37494)

LIFESTYLE
12.00 Rambo (69055) **12.30pm** Spiral Zone (83177) **1.00** White Shadow (8200697) **1.55** The Dream Chasers (1030535) **2.50** Spain Spain Holiday (8672871) **3.05** The Adventures of Jim Bowie (9052351) **3.30** Johnny Ringo (5993) **4.00** Make Room for Daddy (1500) **4.30** American Gameshow (18968) **6.00** Sell-a-Vision (9532603) **10.00** Videos (1484535) **2.30-3.00** Top Five (21833)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (57948264) **6.15** Chorlton and the Wheelies (57943719) **6.30** Dangermouse (8027177) **7.00** Lassie (2517055) **7.30** Owl TV (2492790) **8.00** Young Charlie Chaplin (5045806) **8.30** Pertaghost (5044177) **9.00** Visionaries (5035429) **9.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (7706516) **10.00** Jem (9018429) **10.30** Dungeons and Dragons (5951413) **11.00** Film: Murder Ahoy (1964, b/w) starring Margaret Rutherford (5037351) **12.30pm** Film: Escapade in Japan (1957, b/w) (20094790) **2.15** Bless This House (5689103) **2.45** EastEnders (40970158) **5.30** Five Children and It (7740055) **6.00** Campion (7718351) **7.00** Bless This House (1035516) **7.30** Till Death Us Do Part (7823332) **8.00** Bergerac (1813158) **9.00** The Lotus Eaters (1826622) **10.00** Film: Carry On Up the Khyber (1968) starring Sidney James (5158531) **11.30** The Young Ones (9934413) **12.00** Three of a Kind (5134901) **12.30-1.30am** In Concert: Kate Bush (4719366)



VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.10 Wrestling (7604974) **2.00** The A-Team (5364622) **2.55-4.40** Film: Father Brown, Detective (42936210) **5.00-5.15** Anglia News (7515806) **1.40** Hollywood Report (2129746) **2.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (5184036) **2.35** BPM (4434765) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (2873307) **4.35-5.25** The Big E (9273475)

BORDER
As London except: 1.10 Granada Sport: Kick Off (60579581) **1.30** Film: Fire Over Rome (89326) **3.00-4.40** Granada Sport: Action (81406245) **5.00-5.15** Border News (7515806) **1.40** Hollywood Report (2129746) **2.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (5184036) **2.35** BPM (4434765) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (2873307) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (9273475)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.10-3.00 Film: Bon Voyage (79888448) **5.00** Central News (6207777) **5.05-5.15** The Central Match — Goals Extra (6260606) **1.35** Film: Posse (Kirk Douglas, Bruce Dern, Bo Hopkins) (290307) **3.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (82178272) **3.50** America's Top Ten (49101727) **4.20** Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight (66830524) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (6435036)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.10 Granada Sport: Kick Off (60579581) **1.30** Film: Fire Over Rome (89326) **3.00-4.40** Granada Sport: Action (81406245) **5.00-5.15** Granada News followed by Granada Sport: Goals Extra (7515806) **1.40** Hollywood Report (2129746) **2.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (5184036) **2.35** BPM (4434765) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (2873307) **4.35-5.30** The Big E

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.10 McCloud (5366581) **2.10** Kraft Tour Tennis (40314806) **2.40** Film: Lost in London (42948055) **4.25-4.40** Cartoon Time (5289351) **5.00-5.15** HTV West News (7515806) **1.40** Hollywood Report (2129746) **2.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (5184036) **2.35** BPM (4434765) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (2873307) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (9273475)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 5.00-5.15 HTV Wales News

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.10 Film: Buck Rogers in The 25th Century (79791965) **2.55-3.55** The A-Team (5203090) **5.00** Meridian News (6207777) **5.05-5.15** Saturday Sport (1030526) **2.30am** Eat and Run (879524) **4.05** America's Top Ten Show (89394340) **4.35-5.30** Wrestling (9273475)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.10 The A-Team (1310264) **2.05** Film: A Billion For Boris (440351) **3.45-4.40** McCloud (2289609) **5.00-5.15** Tyne Tees Saturday (7515806) **1.35** Police Precinct (3777727) **2.40** BPM (4433036) **3.40** Stephen King's World of Horror (1657982) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music

ULSTER
As London except: 11.30-12.00 You're On (5622) **1.10** Saturday Sport (34185142) **1.20** Transworld Sport (6469622) **2.20** The A-Team (3663784) **3.25-3.55** Movies, Movies, Movies (4157584) **5.05-5.15** Saturday Sport (6280806) **1.40** Hollywood Report (2129746)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 11.30 Anybody Out There? (5622) **1.10** Film: The Egyptian (58748974) **3.40** The Munsters Today (8139036) **4.10-4.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (9218239) **5.00-5.15** Westcountry Weekend Latest (7515806) **1.40** Hollywood Report (2129746) **2.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (5184036) **2.35** BPM (4434765) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (2873307) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (9273475)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.10 The A-Team (1310264) **2.05** Film: A Billion for Boris (440351) **3.45-4.40** McCloud (2289609) **5.00-5.15** Calendar News (7515806) **1.35** Police Precinct (3777727) **2.30** BPM (4433036) **3.40** Stephen King's World of Horror (1657982) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music

S4C
Starts: 7.00 Kideo (74413) **7.30** Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (66448) **8.00** Saved by the Bell (8551177) **8.25** High 5 (8961210) **9.00** News (4340429) **9.15** Racing: The Morning Line (2579500) **10.00** Trans World Sport (55332) **11.00** Gazzetta Football Italia (79968) **12.00** American Football (46581) **12.30** The Cosby Show (60603) **1.00** Der Fuehrer's Face (64723719) **1.10** Film: Victory Through Air Power (5488264) **2.30** Film: Objective, Burma! (30014500) **5.05** Brookside (4228516) **6.30** Magic Roundabout (197719) **6.35** Now You're Talking (875887) **7.00** News (990413) **7.20** Sholoiau (465622) **7.50** Halen Yn Y Gwaed (789516) **8.50** Tocyn Tymor (575245) **9.45** Snapshots (290871) **10.00** Saturday Zoo (9992) **11.00** Ready Steady Go! (786806) **11.35** Adult Oprah (368041) **12.30** Whose Line is it Anyway? (43746) **1.00** Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 9.00 Children's Programmes **12.30** News (53085897) **12.34** Sports Stadium (51420719) **6.00** Moon Stallion (92622264) **6.30** Seachtain (49192061) **6.55** News (60771332) **7.00** Space Age (46640871) **8.00** News (63203581) **8.03** Lotto Draw (63203581) **8.05** Film: Baxter (40031429) **9.55** Film: The Message (40922784)

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00**) **7.00** Gary Davies with The Weekend Breakfast Show **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** Pinkpop: Laurie Pike explores the gay music scene **3.00** Johnnie Walker **6.00** The Saturday Rock Show **8.30** Songlines **9.00** Andy Kershaw **11.00** John Peel (FM only from **12.00**) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bill Rennells **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Brian Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** Pull the Other One (r) **2.00** Ronnie Hilton. Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** The Hare and Tortoise: Mark Wynter on fast- and slow-selling records **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough's New Country **6.00** The World Dances **7.00** The Bolshoi in London (1/5) **9.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00** Charles Nove with Night Ride

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **Midday**. **8.30am** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set... **11.00** Go! **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (as Radio 4 at 9.05am) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five, with John Inverdale. Rugby Union — England v France and Scotland v Ireland. Football: Everton v Leeds, Manchester City v Arsenal; QPR v Manchester United. Racing from Ascot **5.00** Sports Report **6.05** Six-O-Six **7.30** Afropop Worldwide **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** On the Level, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** World and British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** People and Politics **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** A Jolly Good Show **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Worldbrief **9.30** Personal View **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Jazz Now and Then **10.15** Letter from America **10.30** Waveguide **10.40** Book Choice **10.45** From the Weeklies **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Midday** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 3 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** Club 648 **2.15** Personal View **2.30** Sportsworld **3.00** World News **3.15** Sportsworld **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News Headlines in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News Summary, Sportsworld **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.10** Personal View **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe This Weekend **8.55** European Sports News **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World and British News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** Words of Faith **11.10** Book Choice **11.15** A Jolly Good Show **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** The Ken Bruce Show **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week. The Return of A.J. Raffles **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Europe at the Time **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** From Our Own Correspondent **3.50** Write On **4.00** News **4.15** Under Threat

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic CD Chart Rundown with Paul Gambaccini **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Adrian Love **6.00** Classic America with Mel Cooper **7.00** Opera. Wagner's *The Mastersingers of Nuremberg* **10.00** Classic Quiz with Quentin Howard **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Countdown to Logs
6.55 Weather
7.00 Record Review, with Paul Guinery. Ponce (Sonata Romántica: Norbert Kraft, guitar); Haydn (Symphony No 104 in D, *London*: Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra under Christoph Penck); Martucci (Piano Quintet in C, Op 45: Mario Borciani; Giovane Quartetto Italiano); Barber (Essay No 2: Baltimore Symphony Orchestra under David Zinman); Beethoven (Sonata in E minor, Op 90: Stephen Kovacevich, piano)
9.00 News
9.05 Record Review continues with Richard Osborne. **Building a Library.** Stephen Johnson reviews Walton's Symphony No 1; and George Pratt on new records of Baroque vocal music. **10.35 Record Release:** Jeremiah Clarke (Come, come along for a dance and a song: Parley of Instruments, Choir and Baroque Orchestra under Roy Goodman, with Ruth Holton, soprano, Charles Daniels, tenor, Simon Birchall, bass); Vivaldi (Salve Regina, RV618: Gérard Lesne, counter-tenor; Il Seminario Musicale); Montéclair (Jephté — excerpt: Les Arts Florissants under William Christie, with Jacques Bona, bass, and Sophie Daneman and Claire Brua, sopranos). **11.34** Robert Cowan surveys the *Orfeo d'Or* series of radio recordings from Munich and Vienna. **12.40pm** Roussel (Bacchus et Ariane, Suite No 2: Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy)
1.00pm News
1.05 Music at Borgrove: Israel Piano Trio performs Mozart (*Trio in E, K542*); Brahms (*Trio in B, Op 8* — revised); Schubert (Trio in B flat, D898)
2.40 Songs of the Troubadours: Guiraut de Bornel (Reis glorios); Bernart de Ventadorn (Can vei la lauzeta). Performed by Paul Hillier, voice, Stephen Stubbs, lute and psaltery, Andrew Lawrence-King, harp and psaltery, and Erin Headley, vielle
3.00 Solti: Natalie Wheen presents the last of seven programmes reviewing the career of the conductor Sir Georg Solti, including interviews with Lord Harewood, Evelyn Glennie, Michael Hass and members of the London Symphony Orchestra. With extracts from Haydn (Symphony No 98 in B flat); Bartók (Sonata for two pianos and percussion); Bruckner (Symphony No 8 in C minor); Verdi (Falstaff — Act 3, Scene 2)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion: Christopher Cook reviews ITV's drama series, *Inspector Morse*, and other crime fiction
6.30 Three Romances and Two Sonatas: Boris Pergamenshikov, cello, Pavel Gililov, piano, perform Schumann (Three Romances, Op 94); Chopin (Sonata in G minor, Op 65); Debussy (Sonata in D minor) (r)
7.30 Bach More or Less Italian: Maggie Cole, harpsichord, plays Italian Variations, BWV 989; Italian Concerto, BWV 971 (r)
8.00 Janáček at the Barbican: From the House of the Dead. Welsh National Opera Chorus; BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis perform Janáček's three-act opera after Dostoevsky. Sung in Czech. With Ian Binkhof as Filka Morozov, Kim Begley as Skuratov, Russell Smythe as Shishkov, Stephen Margita as Shapkin, Ian Galla as Goryanchikov and Norman Bailey as the Commandant
9.50 Four More Runyon Rogues: Social Error. Kerry Shale reads the third of four short stories by Damon Runyon
10.15 William Howard, piano, plays Piers Hellawell (Das Leonora Notenbuch); Chopin (Ballade No 4 in F minor, Op 52) (r)
10.45 Outside In Festival, introduced by Nod Knowles. The second of three programmes of music recorded at the 1992 festival of Crawley. Including the improvising duo of Marilyn Crispell on piano and Eddie Prevost on drums; and Una Sola Vaz, combining the Moire Music Drum Orchestra, and from Venezuela, the singers and dancers of the Teatro Negro de Barlovento and the musicians of the Grupo Guaricongo
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week: Oliver Walston looks at farming in Australia, Canada and South Africa **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **7.55** Weather **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and travel news
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Conversation with Ned Sherrin and guests (s)
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box
12.25pm Just a Minute! Chairman Nicholas Parsons, with Clement Freud, Peter Jones, Derek Nimmo and Paul Merton (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Nick Clarke chairs a discussion in Duxford, Cambridgeshire, between Dr Mary Archer, scientist; Dr Sheila Lawlor, deputy director of the Centre for Policy Studies; Ken Livingstone, MP; and Robin Page, farmer and journalist (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm (s)
2.30 Playhouse: One-Way Ticket to Palookaville, by Michael Chaplin. Shipyard welder Billy Hamsen (Christian Rodska) is a working-class "commie". The summer of 1990 proves to be memorable as the system he has revered all his life undergoes revolutionary change (r) (s)
4.00 News; New Europeans: Robin Merril, a former singer with the Pasadena Roof Orchestra, is now a DJ in Berlin. He meets old cynics and young enthusiasts to find out how Berlin is changing as a place to live and work (s)
4.30 Science Now
5.00 A Year in Harness: December. A year on Paul Heiney's Suffolk farm
5.25 The Art of Travel: Paul Theroux on the English coast (s) **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
6.25 Week Ending (r) (s)
6.50 Postcard from Gotham: Mark Steyn determines the mood across the United States during the week of Bill Clinton's inauguration as president; and he investigates the new craze for instant television dramatisations of the grisliest real-life crimes (s)
7.20 Kaleidoscope: Natalie Wheen talks to Elijah Moshinsky about his work in opera (s)
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Gun Before Butter
● CHOICE: Somewhere along the road to BBC radio from ITV, the Dutch detective Van der Valk has undergone an interesting transformation. Barry Foster has turned into Ian Hogg and his speech rate has slowed from a busy 70mph to a 30mph crawl, and much of the old get-up-and-go has gone. Philip Martin's otherwise brisk adaptation of Nicolas Freeling's book about a murdered butter smuggler gives centre-stage position to Sophie Thompson as the girl who is not only "a woman made for action" (as her lover says) but made for trouble, too
9.20 Music in Mind (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Year in Question: John Humphrys is in Llandudno to referee the match between the *South Wales Evening Post* and the *Eastern Daily Press* (r) (s)
10.45 Idle Thoughts, with John Walters (r) (s)
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with cellist Raphael Wallfisch and violinist Elizabeth Wallfisch (r) (s)
11.30 Sex in the Head: Men and women discuss their sexual fantasies (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.27** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.25 The High Chaparral. Vintage western series (r) (s) (2381456)
8.15 Breakfast with Frost. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, is interviewed by Sir David Frost (202949)
9.15 The Good Book Guide. Tony Robinson travels to Israel in a bid to trace the origins of the Bible (s) (4526562)
9.30 This is the Day. Norma Cradock meets Alvis Richards, who works for the children's society on a Swansea housing estate (s) (85098)
10.00 See Hear! Clive Mason looks at a mother and toddler group for sign language users and there is a profile of Queens Park Rangers footballer Ian Holloway and his three deaf daughters. With signing and subtitles (51104)
10.30 Help your Child with Reading with Maggie Philbin (r) (8135543). Wales: (to 11.00) Careering Ahead
10.45 Italianissimo. Mushroom picking in Borgotaro (8130098)
11.00 Careering Ahead. Andrea Adams looks at bullying at work (6982). Wales: (to 12.30) See You Sunday
11.30 Channel Hopping. Last in the series (r) (7611)
12.00 Advice Shop. Welfare rights magazine (r) (70678)
12.30 Country File with John Craven (1359036). Wales: Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (24055833)
1.00 News (34147982) **1.05 On the Record.** The shadow home secretary, Tony Blair, outlines his vision for the future of the Labour party (1299727)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s) (52833)
3.00 Film: Houseboat (1958). Romantic comedy starring Sophia Loren and Cary Grant. A widower struggling to raise his three children has his life turned round when one of his offspring runs away only to return with a bored socialite. Directed by Melville Shavelson (8893659)
3.40 Lifeline. Percussionist Evelyn Glennie appeals on behalf of Hearing Concern. With in vision subtitles (6713185)
5.00 The Clothes Show. Jeff Banks, Caryn Franklin and Brenda Emmanus report on the burgeoning business of second-hand designer clothes (s) (8891659)
5.25 Antiques Roadshow. Introduced by Hugh Scully from Kingsbridge in Devon. (Ceefax) (6631456)
6.10 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (432307)
6.25 Songs of Praise from Kensington town hall. (Ceefax) (s) (212949)
7.00 As Time Goes By. *Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer star as a middle-aged couple discovering that love can be sweeter the second time around.* (Ceefax) (s) (6765)

Dealing in antiques: Ian McShane, Phyllis Logan (7.30pm)

7.30 Lovejoy. Ian McShane stars as the shady antiques dealer. Lovejoy's partners are concerned when he drops out of sight for some considerable time. With Phyllis Logan. (Ceefax) (s) (224104)
8.20 So Haunt Me starring Miriam Karlin as the resident ghost. Yetta meets her match when Pete's parents come to visit. (Ceefax) (s) (479543)
8.50 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (242611)
9.05 Gallowglass. Second of the three-part thriller by Ruth Rendell, writing as Barbara Vine. Paul underestimates the kidnappers, believing he can deal with the situation. When Joe's foster sister arrives she proves herself to be an asset. (Ceefax) (s) (131017)
10.00 Mastermind presented by Magnus Magnusson. The specialist subjects are: Otto von Bismarck, the history of the rose 1500-1850, British feminists 1759-1886 and the Swiss Confederation 1291-1874 (s) (71307)
10.30 Heart of the Matter. Joan Bakewell talks to Catholic divorcees about the fact that their church will not permit either divorce or remarriage (916456)
11.05 What Shall We Tell the Children? A series designed to help parents discuss sex with their children. A look at boys undergoing puberty (s) (126901)
11.25 Famously Fluent. Denis Healey tells how he fell in love with the Italian language during the second world war. (Ceefax) (634630)
11.30 Doogie Howser MD. American comedy series starring Neil Patrick Harris as a teenaged medical genius (s) (996982)
11.55 Tanhaiyan (r) (788681) **12.35am Weather** (4547234)

BBC2

7.30 Felix the Cat (2997217) **7.45 Playdays** (r) (s) (4756494) **8.10 Smoggies** (r) (2584271) **8.35 Telling Tales.** (Ceefax) (s) (9232320) **8.50 Christopher Crocodile** (r) (2288543) **8.55 Superbods** (r) (7232140) **9.15 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9609611) **9.40 Time Busters.** New fantasy adventure game (s) (8993253) **10.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2212036) **10.30 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4724611) **10.55 Blue Peter Omnibus** (s) (9728291) **11.45 The O-Zone** (4703494)
12.00 Thunderbirds. Puppet series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3594388) **12.50 The Invaders.** Vintage science-fiction adventures (r) (8235291) **1.40 Tex Avery Triple Bill** (58882456)
2.00 Regional Westminster Programmes (3291). Northern Ireland: Dull Sa Duira 2.15 Start Your Own Religion
2.30 Millennium: Tribal Wisdom and the Modern World. David Maybury-Lewis examines how different societies define individual identity (7807479)
3.25 Figure Skating. The European championships from Helsinki (7844384) **4.35 Ski Sunday.** The men's downhill from St Anton (4700104) **5.10 Rugby Special.** England v France, Scotland v Ireland (s) (4607456)
6.10 The Natural World: Cougar — Ghost of the Rockies. Wildlife cameraman Jim Dutcher spent two years establishing a close relationship with a female cougar, the result of which is this remarkable portrait of the mother and her three new-born kittens. (Ceefax) (392524)
7.00 Crufts '93. Peter Purves and Jessica Holm introduce live coverage of the best in show competition (s) (608017)
7.55 The Money Programme. Why it is that upgrading the basic education of the United States's workforce is the key to Bill Clinton's strategy for economic survival (744659)
8.35 Dancing
● CHOICE: The sheer joy of movement is expertly communicated in this exciting first programme of a promising new series. Jacques d'Amboise of the National Dance Institute of America believes that a love of rhythm is born before we are; in other words, while "swishing around mummy's tummy" as he puts it, we are already metaphorically putting on our tutus and tap shoes. Certainly it doesn't seem to take much to enthuse the many children involved in his energetic dance programme. We also meet Broadway dancer and choreographer Gregg Burge, for whom dance is his "nourishment", and ballet's Irek Mukhamedov, who describes how he embodies passion in his roles. (s) (981388)
9.35 Did You See..? Jeremy Paxman and his guests, Deborah Moggach, Irene Thomas and Des Wilson, review *Anna Lee: Headcase*, *The Cook Report* and *Notes and Queries with Clive Anderson* (933185)

Mother and bride: Julie Walters, Lena Headey (10.00pm)

10.00 Screen Two: The Clothes in the Wardrobe
● CHOICE: Alice Thomas Ellis's 1950s novel is successfully adapted in this lively film launching the Screen Two drama season. Packed full of delicious lines, it is the story of Margaret (Lena Headey), a moony young woman who has known love but is doomed to be married to an older man she hates. Her mother (Julie Walters), has no sympathy — "every girl wants to be a nun before their wedding, it's natural" — but mother's old school pal, the exotic Lili (a wonderful performance by Jeanne Moreau) could be the ally she needs. Lili seems to spend her time making caustic remarks — "veils make the poor girls look as if they haven't been unpacked" — and getting drunk with the groom's mother (Joan Plowright), but rest assured, she has some exciting plans for the big day. (Ceefax) (9914746)
11.20 Film: Travels with My Aunt (1972) starring Alec McCowen and Maggie Smith in a film adaptation of Graham Greene's book about a prim bank manager who is persuaded to accompany his eccentric aunt on a world tour. Directed by George Cukor (336727)
1.05am Later with Jools Holland. Featuring Nick Cave and Shane MacGowan, Denim, En Vogue and John Prine (r) (s) (1162215). Ends at **2.10**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (7489475)
9.25 Disney Club with Andrea Boardman, Paul Hendy and Richard Orford (5026253)
10.45 Link presented by Sian Vasey. Disabled women discuss the difficulties they have encountered when trying to form relationships (Teletext) (8158494)
11.00 Morning Worship from Biggar Church, Strathclyde, Scotland (96765)
12.00 The Package Pilgrims. Anne Gregg visits Rome (65746)
12.30 CrossTalk. Peter Allen interviews Harriet Harman, Labour's shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury (74982)
1.00 News and weather (64629949) **1.10 Walden.** Brian Walden quizzes housing minister Sir George Young on the government's position regarding the homeless (7508746)
2.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge quiz with Jim Bowen (7017)
2.30 The London Match Ian St John introduces live coverage of the match between Millwall and Brentford (s) (956456)
3.00 Bright Lights Big City. Gavin Weightman's series tracing the colourful history of London's entertainment scene continues with a look at some of the most popular forms of live entertainment before the television age (8369)
5.30 Wish You Were Here..? (r) (456)
6.00 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart. Sport and weather (159562)
6.20 News and weather (846611)

Derring-do: Kathleen Turner and Michael Douglas (6.30pm)

6.30 Film: Romancing the Stone (1984) Romantic comedy starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner. When a bestselling author's sister is kidnapped she finds herself involved in a bizarre series of adventures. Directed by Robert Zemeckis. (Teletext) (68475)
8.30 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle presents more amateur out-takes. (Teletext) (6388)
9.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot
● CHOICE: David Suchet, perhaps the best interpreter of Poirot, returns for a new series of entertaining murder mysteries. Tonight sees the fastidious detective in Egypt where it is hot, dusty and totally unlike Belgium. The location could spell death to his twiddly moustache, but more importantly it seems to be finishing off a team of archaeologists who have been dying off one by one ever since they started working round the ancient burial chamber of an Egyptian king. There is of course an Egyptian curse involved here, but even when Poirot begins catching sight of horned devils outside his tent, you know that deep down he is working on an extremely matter of fact theory about whodunit. The answer is a bit of a let down, but Poirot's shrewd questioning is always fascinating to witness. (Teletext) (9727)
10.00 The Mystery of Morse. John Thaw and Kevin Whatley talk about the characters they play in this behind-the-scenes look at the set of the last ever *Inspector Morse* mystery. With contributions from former assistant chief constable John Stalker and John McVicar, a former convict (Teletext) (2814)
11.00 News with Julia Somerville. Weather (754833) **11.15 London Tonight** (630814)
11.20 The James Whale Question. Topical discussion (862291)
11.50 Cue the Music. Billy Ocean in concert (879611)
12.55am Film: Hannie Caulder (1971) Western in which Raquel Welch enlists the help of an itinerant bounty hunter to teach her to shoot to enable her to track down the killers who raped her and murdered her husband. Directed by Burt Kennedy (249418)
2.30 Summerrock. Lenny Kravitz in concert (42692)
3.30 Snooker. Action from the European league match between Jimmy White and John Parrott (16857)
5.30 ITN Morning News (68673). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (4322322) **6.55 Spiff and Hercules** Animated antics of a cat and dog (3172369) **7.05 Widget** Cartoon adventures of an alien (s) (4349524) **7.30 Sandokan** Animated tales of the pirate prince (85659) **8.00 The Hammerman** Cartoon based on the rock star Hammer (8455949) **8.25 The Finder.** Drama series (9239104) **8.50 Dennis** Animated adventures of a mischievous boy and his friends (r) (5399456) **9.00 Tintin** Herge's classic tales (43524) **9.30 Dennis** (r) (3143098)
9.45 Flipper. Adventures of the friendly dolphin (162794)
10.15 The Miraculous Mellops Australian fantasy drama (712433)
10.45 Land of the Giants Classic science-fiction series (r) (207494)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie The trials and tribulations of a close-knit family (2442272)
12.40 Football Rules An explanation of the laws of the world's most popular sport (35860456)
12.55 Gazza's Soccer School Tony Robinson narrates the series made during Paul Gascoigne's soccer skills school at Wembley stadium (r) (5597949)
1.15 Football Italia The game between Inter Milan and Parma (57631727)
3.30 Film: It's A Wonderful World (1939, b/w). James Stewart and Claudette Colbert star in this fast-moving comedy about a runaway poetess and a novice private detective. Directed by W S Van Dyke II (879765)
5.05 Pigbird Canadian animation (1630122)
5.10 News and weather (2280861)
5.15 High Interest
● CHOICE This accessible series today focuses on the EBRD, or European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Founded less than two years ago, the bank has been busy facilitating western investment in eastern Europe. With 55 governments jointly owning the bank, there are inevitably disagreements, some fairly predictable. The western representatives are not keen on the idea of soft loans, or money lent well below commercial rates; the eastern governments think such loans sound a good idea. The programme reports on prospects for a motorcycle factory to the south of Prague, on the energy crisis in Riga, Latvia, and on the difficulties facing Russia, including a visit to a nightmarishly old-fashioned forge and a factory which once made military vehicles and is now converting its production lines for civilian use (6487562)

Film-buffs: Philip Edgar-Jones and Tania Guha (6.00pm)

6.00 Moviewatch. Tania Guha and Philip Edgar-Jones present this new cinema review programme which comes from a different location each week. Laurie Pike shares the latest gossip from Hollywood (611)
6.30 The Wonder Years A nostalgic look at American life in the early 70s as seen through the eyes of a teenager. The Arnold men set off for their regular fishing trip. (Teletext) (291)
7.00 Fragile Earth: Tears of the Dragon. The traditional harmony between the Chinese way of life and the watery environment of the country has come under threat. (Teletext) (s) (1185)
8.00 American Football. Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach introduce live coverage of the Dallas Cowboys at the San Francisco 49ers and extended highlights of the Buffalo Bills at the Miami Dolphins (79988456)
12.15am Film: My Bodyguard (1980) Comedy starring Chris Makepeace as the new boy who is constantly bullied until he decides to hire one of his classmates to be his bodyguard. Directed by Tony Bill (577418). Ends at **2.00**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Food Guide (1344104) **2.00** Film: The Great Race (100475) **5.00** The Village Show (8369) **5.30** Bullseye (456) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (159562) **11.50** Guns 'n' Roses (640291) **12.20** Quiz Night (1670296) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9346128) **1.25** Film: Blackmail Chase (8980760) **2.55** Entertainment UK (2211470) **3.50** Cue the Music (4823499) **4.50** America's Top Ten (65237147) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (4734988)

BORDER
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardener's Diary (1344104) **2.00** Wish You Were Here..? (7017) **2.30** The A-Team (61901) **3.30** Highway to Heaven (58833) **4.30** Bullseye (104) **5.00** Scotsport (3384) **6.00-6.20** The Border Week (421291) **11.50** Love at First Sight (640291) **12.20** Quiz Night (167096) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9346128) **1.25** Film: Blackmail Chase (8960760) **2.55** Entertainment UK (2211470) **3.50** Cue the Music (4823499) **4.50** America's Top Ten (65237147) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (4734988)

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time (1344104) **2.00** Stuntmasters (4948543) **2.48** The Central Match — Live. Wolves v Birmingham (12087388) **5.00** Bullseye (8369) **5.30-6.20** Highway to Heaven (377384) **11.50** Film: The Smashing Bird I Used to Know (132123) **1.35** Cue the Music (2183147) **2.35** ITV Chart Show (4401437) **3.35** Spirit of the Cities (2840079) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (9240147)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30-1.00 HTV Newsweek (74982) **2.00** The West Match — Highlights (8669415) **2.50** Film: Paint Your Wagon (35458104) **5.45-6.20** Bullseye (939458) **11.50** Summer Jazz — A Tribute to Dizzy Gillespie (640291) **12.20** Quiz Night (1670296) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9346128) **1.25** Film: Blackmail Chase (8960760) **2.55** Entertainment UK (2211470) **3.50** Cue the Music (4823499) **4.50** America's Top Ten (65237147) **5.15-5.30** Jobs

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30-1.00 Playback **2.00-2.50** Wrestling

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30 Meridian This Week (5570272) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (45489217) **2.00** Loud and Clear (4957291) **2.40** Film: The Scarlet and the Black (30074982) **5.15** Bullseye (930185) **5.45-6.20** I Can Do That (939456) **11.50** ITV Chart Show (879611) **12.50** Film: The Battle of El Alamein (83470654) **3.00** I Can Do That (74383) **3.30** Police Precinct (54437) **4.30** Video Fashion (75012)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25 The Littlest Hobo (7057184) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees News (45489217) **2.00** Daniel Boone (5268494) **2.55** Film: Crooks and Coronets (Telly Savalas, Edith Evans) (87588272) **4.50** Stars of Tomorrow (9405253) **5.20** Bullseye (8880543) **5.50-6.20** The Back Page (941562) **11.50** Coach (640291) **12.20** Quiz Night (1670296) **12.50** Memories of 1970-1991 (2218499) **1.45** Zara Dhyan Dein (8848050) **1.50** Film: Ghar Ghar Ki Kahani (92313925) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (6402708)

ULSTER
As London except: 12.25-1.00 Gardening Time (8421776) **1.10** Bon Voyage (7017) **2.30** Film: The Lion (92924475) **4.15** Glenroe (934901) **4.45** Bullseye (933272) **5.15-5.20** Coronation Street (185833)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Westwise (1344104) **2.00** Westcountry Update (7017) **2.30** Film: The Reluctant Agent (42924475) **4.15** An Invitation to Remember (Christopher Lee) (934901) **4.45** Bullseye (933272) **5.15** Heart of the Country (930185) **5.45-6.20** Members Only (939456) **11.50** Summer Jazz — A Tribute to Dizzy Gillespie (640291) **12.20** Quiz Night (1670296) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema (9346128) **1.25** Film: Blackmail Chase (8980780) **2.55** Entertainment UK (2211470) **3.50** Cue the Music (4823499) **4.50** America's Top Ten (65237147) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (4734988)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25 The Littlest Hobo (7057184) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (45489217) **2.00** Daniel Boone (5268494) **2.55** Film: Crooks and Coronets (87588272) **4.50** Mini Champions (9405253) **5.20** Bullseye (8880543) **5.50-6.20** Calendar (932614) **11.50** Coach (640291) **12.20** Quiz Night (1670296) **12.50** Memories of 1970-1989 (2218499) **1.45** Zara Dhyan Dein (8848050) **1.50** Film: Ghar Ghar Ki Kahani (92313925) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (6402708)

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6.00am Hour of Power (65982) **7.00** Fun Factory (1144185) **11.30** The World Tomorrow (28253) **12.00** Lost in Space (40949) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (26369) **2.00** Trapper John (96291) **3.00** Eight is Enough (39369) **4.00** UK Top 40 (41104) **5.00** All American Wrestling (1098) **6.00** The Simpsons (39833) **7.00** 21 Jump Street (83678) **8.00** Holocaust: First of a four-part mini series starring Meryl Streep (461098) **11.00** Fashion TV (42833) **11.30** Skyrexd

SKY NEWS
Twenty-four hour news service

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (46543)
8.00 Up River (1980): Pioneer Jeff Corey seeks revenge for his wife's murder (87543)
10.00 Vanishing Wilderness: American wildlife documentary (25630)
12.00 They All Laughed (1981): Comedy about four private detectives (31974)
2.00pm Stood Up: Romantic drama (98659)
3.00 Tales from the Dark Side: A story with an unexpected twist (5814)
3.30 Great Expectations: The Untold Story (1988) Dickens's classic (36659)
4.30 Xposure: Film news (3185)
5.00 Three Men and a Little Lady (1990): Sequel to *Three Men and a Baby* starring Tom Selleck and Nancy Travis (86785)
8.00 The Midnight Hour (1985): Spoof horror at a Hallowe'en party (58982)
10.00 Graveyard Shift (1990): Stephen King horror story (932272)
11.35 The Rift (1990): Underwater adventure starring Jack Scalia (456369)
1.00am Savage Harbour (1989): A merchant seaman helps a prostitute (35789)
2.30 King of the City (1986) A young man turns to crime (248741)
4.10 From Hollywood to Deadwood (1988). Two private eyes search for an actress (176586). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Sergeant York (1941, b/w): Gary Cooper as a first world war hero (68489185)
6.20 Murderer's Row (1966): Espionage spoof with Dean Martin (881988631)
8.10 So Fine (1981): A professor makes transparent jeans (37764272)
9.50 Iron Eagle (1986). Jason Gedrick steals a fighter jet (572307). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am All My Sons (1948, b/w): Edward G Robinson is accused of suspect business dealings during the war (80030253)
8.45 The Call of the Wild: Cartoon about a gold prospector and his dog, based on the novel by Jack London (4893524)
9.55 The Canterville Ghost: Animation about a haunted mansion (4177098)
11.05 To Sir, With Love (1967) Sidney Poitier as a novice teacher (68015291)
12.55pm Players (1979): Tennis player Dean Paul Martin falls for older woman Ali MacGraw (72507104)
3.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2 (1991). Cult adventures with the pizza-eating sewer-dwellers (83098)
5.00 Beverly Hills Brats (1989) A rich kid engineers his own kidnapping (17123)
7.00 Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991): Kevin Costner stars as the outlaw of Sherwood Forest (91496727)
9.25 Flight of the Black Angel (1990): Adventure about an unstable fighter pilot who arms his nuclear weapons (36893889)
11.15 Murderous Vision (1991) A psychic helps to track a serial killer (250833)
12.50am Glory (1989) American civil war drama starring Matthew Broderick and Denzel Washington (45689166)
2.55 Love at Large (1989). Anne Archer hires private eye Tom Berenger, but he tails the wrong man (80844944)
5.00 Death of a Gunfighter (1969): Sheriff Richard Widmark refuses to retire (87504) Ends at **6.40**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Fishing the West (11524) **7.00** Rugby League Academy (62746) **9.00** Jack High (44901) **10.00** Goals on Sunday (41253) **11.00** The Club Show (69524) **11.30** Gillette World Sports Special (60253) **12.00** Motor World (53524) **12.30pm** High Five (11036) **1.00** WWF Wrestling Challenge (12331) **2.00** Super Sunday — Preview (99253) **4.00** Super Sunday Aston Villa v Middlesbrough (6562) **6.00** Super Sunday — Talkback (95727) **7.00** The Big League (53098) **8.00** PGA Golf: Hawaiian Open (13833) **11.00** FA Premier League Football Liverpool v Blackburn Rovers (22901) **1.00am** PGA Golf Hawaiian Open (32418) **3.00-6.00** One-Day International Cricket: India v England from Jaipur (2932944)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (70765) **8.00** Euroscores Magazine (78833) **8.30** World Cup Skiing (8754727) **12.30pm** Figure Skating (30901) **2.30** Speed Skating (17369) **4.00** World Cup Skiing (78272) **5.00** Euroscores Magazine (5834456) **5.05** World Cup Skiing (7682543) **6.00** Tennis Sydney Open (722730) **9.00** Figure Skating (245727) **11.30-12.00** Euroscores Magazine (26456)

SCREENSPORT
6.00am Basketball (36494) **7.00** Men's Pro Beach Volleyball (43833) **8.00** PBA Ten Pin Bowling (44562) **9.00** French Ice Racing (64630) **9.30** Motorbike Festival (38882) **10.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (60814) **11.00** Rugby Union Scotland v Ireland (69659); **(12.00)** England v France (98185) **1.00pm** European Snooker League 1993 (139727) **3.30** Paris-Dakar Rally '93 (9388) **4.00** Pro Box 1993 (4104) **6.00** Basketball Bundesliga (17659) **8.00** Pro Kick (18388) **9.00** Top Match Football (11475) **11.00-1.00am** PGA European Golf Review 1992 (20543)

LIFESTYLE
12.00 Rambo (79562) **12.30pm** Spiral Zone (59366) **1.00** White Shadow (8277369) **1.55** Fast Fashion (1934307) **2.50** Spain Spain International Cuisine (8649543) **3.05** The Adventures of Jim Bowie (9956123) **3.30** Johnny Ringo (4456) **4.00** American Gameshows (9272) **6.00** Sell-a-Vision (9436475) **10.00** Jukebox Music Videos (1368307) **2.30-3.00am** Top Five (59352)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (57842036) **6.15** Chorlton and the Wheelies (57830291) **6.30** Dangermouse (9921949) **7.00** Lassie (2384727) **7.30** Owl TV (2395562) **8.00** Young Charlie Chaplin (5949878) **8.30** Rentaghost (5948949) **9.00** Dr Who Omnibus (9922678) **11.00** Film: Grand Central Murder (1942) starring Van Heflin (39317982) **12.15pm** Film: Susan Slept Here (1954) (4364340) **2.00** Bless This House (1928272) **2.30** To the Manor Born (7706611) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (5524475) **5.30** Pride and Prejudice (6215098) **6.30** The District Nurse (7721920) **7.00** Sorry! (1939388) **7.30** To the Manor Born (7727104) **8.00** To Serve Them All My Days (1700630) **9.00** Film: The Mission (1986) (30908727) **11.15** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (3287524) **11.45** Alas Smith and Jones (3219123) **12.15-12.45am** In Concert WASP in 1984 (3578234)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: Wagner (Overture, Rienzi); Ronald Finch (Ivel Spring); Moyzes (Janosik's Boys); Lambert (The Rio Grande); Eugene Goossens (Pastorale); Handel, arr Harty (Water Music Suite); Arthur Benjamin (North American Square Dance Suite); Lord Berners (Ballet, A Wedding Bouquet) **9.00 News**
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Moeran (Sinfonietta); Fux (Rondeau for violin, piccolo, bassoon and strings); Artist of the Week: Régine Crespin, soprano, sings Offenbach (Dis moi, Venus, La belle Hélène); Scott Joplin (Elite Syncopations) Stravinsky (Ragtime); Praetorius (Four Dances, Terpsichore); Debussy (Petite Suite); Skempton (Lento); Luigini (Suite, Ballet égyptien); Mozart (Serenade in C minor, K388); Rossini (Arias from William Tell); Bach (Concerto in A minor for four harpsichords and strings, BWV 1065); *Composers of the Week* preview. Fucik (Waltz, Ballennas); Schubert (The Shepherd on the Rock); Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: A portrait of the violinist Catherine Mackintosh **1.00pm News**
1.05 Selected Poets: Louis MacNeice introduces a selection of his poems
1.20 From the Proms 1992: Vienna PO under Abbado performs Haydn (Symphony No 100 in G, Military); Mahler (Symphony No 1). Incl at **1.45** Interval Reading (r)
3.00-9.45 Janáček at the Barbican: Radoslav Kvapil, piano, performs Sonata, I X 1905; In the Mists; On an Overgrown Path, Book 1;
4.00 Performing Janáček: A discussion by David Pountney, Sir Charles Mackerras, Josephine Barstow and Philip Langridge;
4.30 Janáček in London: A re-creation of a chamber concert given in the Wigmore Hall on May 6, 1926, during the composer's only visit to Britain. String Quartet No 1, Kreutzer Sonata, Violin Sonata;
5.15 Vladimir Zelezny visits locations in Prague that were important to the writer Franz Kafka;
5.35 Mladi for wind sextet; Pohadka for cello and piano; Concertino for piano, wind and strings;
6.40 Out of the Mist: A discussion on Janáček's creativity, with readings from the composer's notes and letters by David King (r);
7.30 Music for Chorus: BBC Singers under Simon Joly, with John Alley, piano, Susan Milan, flute, Sioned Williams, harp, Malcolm Hicks, organ, perform Elegy on the death of my daughter Olga; Kaspar Rucky; Potulny Silence, The Wandering Madman, Otcenas, Moravian Our Father;
8.20 The translator Jiri Josek surveys the cultural scene in Prague;
8.40 Music for Orchestra: Ernst Kovacic, violin; BBC SO under Andrew Davis performs Violin Concerto, Pilgrimage of the soul; Sinfonietta
9.45 Sunday Play: Dalliance
● CHOICE: Except for a bit of wordplay about letter post and post-coital, Tom Stoppard's version of Schnitzler's 1894 play *Liebelei* largely eschews the razzle-dazzle exchanges that are his forte. This is not a play that needs verbal fireworks. It is one of those Schnitzler honey and lemon concoctions about men who treat women as pleasure objects with no thought of the pain they might cause. Director Jeremy Howe has drawn from his cast the kind of integrated performances you would expect from a distinguished chamber music ensemble
11.00 Music in Our Time. London Sinfonietta under Diego Masson performs works commissioned by them during their first quarter-century. Simon Bainbridge (Concertante in moto perpetuo: Gareth Hulse, oboe); Jonathan Lloyd (Waiting for Gozo); Mark Anthony Turnage (On all fours: Simon Haram, saxophone, Christopher van Kampen, cello); Colin Matthews (Contraflow); Xenakis (Thallein)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude with Marjorie Lofthouse (s) **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, including Bells on Sunday from All Saints Church, Wooton Courtney, Somerset (s) **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm: Robert Forster joins George and Judy Gray for a Cumbrian breakfast **7.40** Sunday with Alison Hilliard and Trevor Barnes **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Dr Mike Smith speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* about the work of the Association for Post-Natal Illness **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from the Cathedral, Shrewsbury
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus (s)
11.15 News Stand, with Martin Wainwright (s)
11.30 Pick of the Week (r) (s)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the travel writer Dervla Murphy (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with James Cox **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Airing the Future: As the government draws up its plans for the renewal of the BBC Charter, Michael Buerk chairs a debate on the BBC's place in broadcasting. Among those taking part are: John Birt, director-general of the BBC; Greg Dyke, chairman of the ITV Association; David Hatch, managing director of BBC Network Radio; Paul Jackson, director of programmes for Carlton Television; and Jimmy Gordon, manager of Radio Clyde. With Sir Robin Day, Barry Took, Prunella Scales, Gloria Hunniford and Sheena McDonald
4.00 News; Wide Awake in Ireland: In the second of a three-part series on Ireland, the writer John Waters examines Irish politics
4.47 Welcome to My Wireless: The Seventies. Wallace Arnold, played by Harry Enfield, reviews his four decades in British broadcasting (3/4)
5.00 John Cole in the Lakes (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! Simon Rae presents the work of prize-winning poets, including the Nobel Laureate, Derek Walcott, who reads his work and describes the cultural forces that inspire his poetry (s) **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Loss of Innocence: The second of six programmes in which Misha Glenny talks about his work as the former BBC central European radio correspondent (r) (s)
6.30 Word of Mouth: Frank Delaney examines how the recession is biting deep into our language (r) (s)
7.00 God in the Palaces: Gerald Butt meets Israelis who carry a Bible in one hand and a gun in the other (3/4) (s)
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde discusses H.G. Wells with Michael Coren (r) (s)
8.00 Fourth Column Classics, with Simon Hoggart
8.30 Living Dangerously. The second of five programmes in which Roger Graef talks to young law-breakers
9.00 The Natural History Programme, presented by George McPherson (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 With Great Pleasure: The comedienne Sandi Toksvig charts her passion for childhood literature, from Enid Blyton to the Janet and John books. Readings by Josie Lawrence and Alice Arnold (s)
11.00 In Committee, with Mike Fairbairn
11.30 Seeds of Faith: In the last programme of the series, Christine Liddell visits the Scottish town of Lockerbie to meet Patrick Keegans (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until 6.00) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** Rockline **4.00** The UK Top 40 **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies (FM only from 12.00) **1.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo **4.00am** David Allan **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Brian Hayes on Sunday **12.00-7.00pm** The Vintage Years: Desmond Carrington; **2.00pm** Benny Green; **3.00** Alan Dell; **4.00** Sidney Torch (3/5): **4.30** Sing Something Simple. **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Richard Baker **8.30** Sunday Half Hour **9.00** Alan Keith **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: Dame Beryl Grey in conversation with ballerinas Dame Alicia Markova, Dame Ninette de Valois and Darcey Bussell **12.05am** Nick Barraclough's New Country (r) **12.35** Charles Nove **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm. 6.00am** World Service **6.30** John Leslie's Weekend Edition **9.30** Tintin, by Hergé **10.00** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative: Omnibus edition **11.30** Fantasy Football League **12.30pm** Simon Fanshawe's Sunday Brunch **1.40** Open Forum **2.00** Body Talk **2.30** Where Were You ...in 1986? (r) **3.00** Sunday Sport. Premier League Football — Aston Villa v Middlesbrough; Rugby League **6.00** A Century Remembered **6.30** Education Matters (r) **7.15** How We Worked Then: Teaching (r) **7.30** Italianissimo **8.00** Language Live **8.00** Open University: Mathematics — Countdown to Logs: **8.20** Mind Boggling! Racism **9.30** Box 13 **10.10** Across the Line, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport **3.25-6.30** One-Day International Cricket, India v England from Jaipur

WORLD SERVICE
All times in GMT. **4.30am** World Business Review **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** News. Europe This Weekend **5.55** European Sports News **5.59** Weather **6.00** News **6.15** Letter from America **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** From Our Own Correspondent **7.50** Write On **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Classics with Kay **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Review **9.15** Short Story: The Snakeman **9.30** Folk in Britain **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Science in Action **10.30** In Praise of God **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and British Press Review in German **Midday** News **12.01pm** Play of the Week: The Return of A.J. Raffles **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.01** This Is Your Sport **2.30** Anything Goes **3.00** News **3.15** Concert Hall **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Review **5.15** Club 648 **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** Folk in Britain **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Review **11.15** Classics with Kay **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** In Praise of God **1.00** News **1.01** What's News? **1.15** Femmes Fatales **1.45** Musical Mavericks **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Composer of the Month: Manuel de Falla **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** Poets and Places

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** CD Requests **2.00pm** Celebrity Choice **3.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Authentic Performances **8.00** Classic FM Concert. CBSO under Rattle includes Sibelius (Symphony No 7); Janáček (Glagolitic Mass) **10.00** Adrian Love **12.00-6.00am** Andre Leon

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A guide to the naughty bits

Sex seminars being the new thing, **Nigella Lawson** switches on to who is doing what, and why, and how, and to whom

WARNING: this review contains material of an explicit nature. Some words may well embarrass or offend, and readers of a delicate or, indeed, merely decorous disposition are advised to turn to another page.

THE two identifying characteristics of the age seem to be, in varying proportion and unsavoury combination, cynicism and prurience. This may go some way to explaining why a proposal for *The Good Sex Guide* was part of Carlton's franchise operation, why this may have helped the application, why the programme has been made, why it's watched — and why this review is being written.

The Good Sex Guide, the first episode of which was shown across the ITV network, variously, on Monday and Thursday, is far from opening the increasingly yawn-inducing titillation versus education debate. Over recent months the spate of "adult information" videos, with such titles as *The Lover's Guide*, *Making Love*, *The Essential Guide to Better Sex*, and *Supervirility*, has all but inured us to the arguments for and against.

Will they be watched by grateful grown-ups, plagued by psychosexual angst but too shy to voice their worries, or by sniggering children reeling with gland-throbbing shock at being able to receive so graphic a sex education? Or is it all, as most people suspect, just an excuse to get sex on television? You work it out: the arguments are too well-rehearsed to merit a replay here.

Embarrassment, it always seems to me, is the most natural response. Most programmes pre-empt this

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by viewing embarrassment as an inhibiting factor to be overcome, whereby the programme-makers show their own confusion between the act of sex and the act of watching a television programme about it. Embarrassment or discomfort about the latter are appropriate, while the same feelings about the former are not.

Even the coarsest soul can recognise, if nothing else, the disparity between the unparalleled intimacy of the activity and the publicness of its display. It is that recognition I call embarrassment — that coupled with dismay that sex is no longer seen as a private activity and an essential, intimate part of adult human life, but a leisure pursuit, a kind of, to cite a modern euphemism, horizontal jogging.

Everything I had heard about *The Good Sex Guide* before it was transmitted made me fear the worst. Tacky, exploitative, emetically cringe-making: you name it, I expected it. I am still somewhat stunned at finding it didn't live down to my expectations. I couldn't honestly say it was innocent of the crimes cited above, but it breezes through any imputation of vulgarity simply by being so cheerily, honestly vulgar. "Sex is a fraught and messy business," Margi Clarke announced in Rabelaisian spirit at the start of the first programme, "with lots of squelching and sweat."

Freud has told us all about laughter being a defensive act of embarrassment — why we make jokes about sex, why we snigger at lurve. *The Good Sex Guide*, cleverly, does not try to convince the viewer out of embarrassment, but includes enough funny bits to provide a laughter outlet for it. It helps, of course, that the comedy sketches are actually funny. These are not seedy northern club or sixth-form common-room jokes. And, as part of the generally high production values of the programme, the cast is impressive and the performances polished.

No joke improves in the retelling, but I did like the one about erogenous zones — "from the French *eroger*, to prepare for sex".

This opening episode focused on women: their problems, their pleasures — which in turn shifted the emphasis to men and how they could create the first and prevent the second. The programme only just steered away from a "Men! Aren't they awful!" line, which could hardly serve the putative aim of the series. On the other hand, were I a man I might feel it was more a collision course than a drive towards mutual understanding.

One of the sketches, for example, features Sharon and Tracey from *Birds of a Feather*. Briefly, the joke is they're in a supermarket which sells sex aids. They decide to buy condoms for their husbands. The condoms come in four sizes: small, medium, large and Olympian. With wordless but eloquent eye-rolling, a disappointed tut, they reach out — and each get a packet from the box marked "small". Ha, ha. Now, the thing is, in a programme which seems intent on reassuring women about worries they might have about their bodies or sexual competence, why is it all right to foster men's anxiety about theirs?

On the whole though, the mood is punchy rather than antagonistic. An alternative to that children's party favourite, pinning the tail on the donkey, is offered in the form of men being faced with an unmarked diagram of a woman's pubic area and having to place a counter at the exact position they think is the clitoris. This is less cringe-making, but rather more alarming than one might suppose.

What saves this, and many other episodes, from sheer tackiness is the honesty of the production, the lack of any attempt to make it erotic, and Ms Clarke. She stops it from being embarrassing because she isn't embarrassed. What's more, she has charm.

Sex is getting a good showing on television generally at the moment. The only time *What Shall we Tell the Children?* (BBC1, 11.05pm) was really embarrassing was when the adults were on. The idea of having one's parents going on television (even if they are unnamed) talking about how one was only ten but "an early developer and embarrassed about it" seems too painful to consider. Do children have to give their consent before their parents publicly humiliate them? I can't imagine anything worse if not. Apart from that, it seems a pity that this impressive programme is not shown at a time when it could perhaps rectify what the children in it are complaining about — the lack of information and reluctance of adults to explain or discuss.

The cringe factor is surprisingly low, but the whinge factor is not. One teenage girl complains that at school "we're not told about the enjoyment of sex. We have to find out about that from magazines or television." That, it seems to me, is precisely what magazines and this sort of television progamme are for.

Channel 4's new sex programme, which also started last week, could unquestionably be fitted into the biology syllabus. *The Sexual Imperative* (Thursday, 9pm) looks at the sexual drive throughout the animal kingdom and investigates what social and biological factors govern sex. I feel embarrassed about my cynicism in presuming in advance that this would be yet another excuse to give sex academic respectability.

In the event, the programme is stunning, informative and compelling. And it manages the rare achievement of telling the story by provoking one to ask the questions oneself: adult education, indeed.

In bed with Margi: polished performances, honest vulgarity and an absence of embarrassment save the day for The Good Sex Guide

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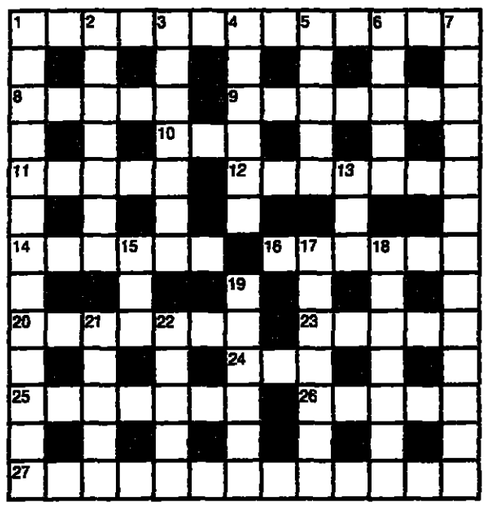

ACROSS
1 Edward Lear poetry (8,5)
8 Bury (5)
9 Try (7)
10 Crank (3)
11 Pull (5)
12 Belt pistol case (7)
14 Unusual thing (6)
16 Yellow skin fruit (6)
20 Captured again (7)
23 Foreigner (5)
24 Ragged article (3)
25 Venezuela river (7)
26 Avoid (5)
27 Cutting to pieces (13)

DOWN
1 Locality (13)
2 Hairy-headed (3,4)
3 Sincere (7)
4 Swaddle (6)
5 Essential (5)
6 Send back (5)
7 Amusement (13)
13 Male offspring (3)
15 Irish terrorist group (I.R.A.) (7)
17 Non-professional (7)
18 Stir up (7)
19 Bury (6)
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SOLUTION TO No 2996

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Bareev — Topalov, Oviedo 1992. Evgeny Bareev, who may be familiar to the English public after his successes at Hastings, is one of the world's top-ranked players. Here, however, he is on the receiving end of a brilliant combination. How did black conclude?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer and the winners will be printed in *The Times* on the following Saturday.

Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Rxb6. The winners are: M. Holden, Keswick; W.O. Laurie, Enfield; C. Colman, High Wycombe.

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

WIEDERKOM
a. A party invitation
b. A Boer commando
c. A painted glass mug

PEDALINE
a. A bicycle tramway
b. A diamond-bearing ore
c. An artificial straw

INCHE
a. A Scottish water-meadow
b. Mister
c. An Amerindian sledge

FLUB
a. To botch or bungle
b. An landlubber who hates flying
c. A maternity frock

Answers on page 2

Fast forward to the 1970s

TV PREVIEW

● Sounds of the Seventies
Today, BBC2, 7.15pm
Having squeezed every drop of library footage out of the 1960s, the old generation of TV producers have moved on, leaving the way clear for a brave new generation to flaunt their own radical nostalgia for glam-rock, platform soles, the Bay City Rollers and Biba. First in a ten-part series giggles at the clothes they — all right then, we — wore, to the strains of G. Glitter, D. Cassidy and T Rex. For those who have difficulty seeing words like "classic" and "vintage" applied to a decade which spawned The Sex Pistols and Donny Osmond, there's also Michael Aspel's homage to the 1960s on ITV at 9.55pm tonight, and the first of Channel 4's compilation of 1960s *Ready Steady Go* programmes at 11pm tonight.

● Screen Two: The Clothes in the Wardrobe
Sunday, BBC2, 10pm
1950 in Croydon — and how many times have we heard that, or something like it, introducing a TV play synopsis? But this is a Waris Hussein-directed adaptation of Alice Thomas Ellis's novel of an unwanted suburban love-match rather than the run-of-the-mill post-war nostalgia trip, and stars Jeanne Moreau, Julie Walters, David Threlfall and Joan Plowright.

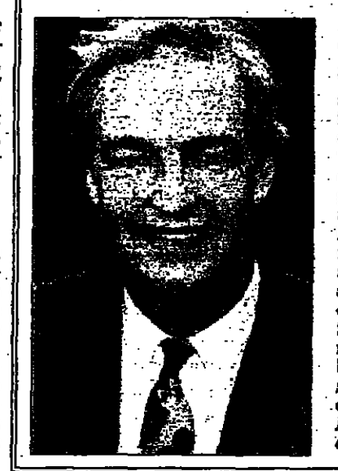
● The Ark
Tuesday, BBC2, 9.25pm
This was meant to be a jolly portrait of London Zoo and its human and animal inhabitants, but a week after filming started the 170-year-old institution announced that its bank balance was critical and possibly terminal, and the film became a metaphor for something larger. Depending on your view, the collapsing zoo stands for the end of Thatcherism, the fallibility of consensus politics or the enviable ability of animals to get on with the basics while the humans squabble around them.

● Inspector Morse
Wednesday, ITV, 8pm
Definitely the last of the very best of the TV-grown detectives. As strong a cast — stronger even — as ever (John Gielgud, Sheila Gish, Robert Hardy), and by way of a taster *The Mystery of Morse* tomorrow at 10pm on ITV looks back at five years' worth of Morses with the stars, the creator, ex-cop John Stalker and ex-con John McVicar.

● Arena: The Grateful and the Dead
Friday, BBC2, 9.30pm
No, not more 1960s nostalgia, although the Grateful Dead are as typical a still-touring 1960s band as ever thrashed an axe. But while other bands of the era were putting their earnings into rebuilding smashed hotel rooms, the Dead used theirs to start and run the Rex Foundation, which has funded composers who would otherwise have struggled for recognition in their home countries — such as Havergal Brian, whose 32 symphonies were paid for with foundation money.

GUILTY SECRETS

Jon Snow, news presenter



Love Hurts is a classic. Both Adam Faith and Zoë Wanamaker are absolutely fantastic in it. It's deliciously tortured stuff, and I enjoy the good girl/bad boy theme and the foreign locations. It's well made, beautifully acted and funny. I also enjoy the cartoons on Saturday morning sitting beside my six-year-old daughter. *DuckTales* is a current favourite.

Freak show in the high street

Who but a student could need all that New Age junk?

EVERY town has a freak shop. Tucked away next to Freeman Hardy & Willis, crouching in a street filled with heavy materialistic breadhead building societies and banks, there will undoubtedly be a tiny, tiny building with a funny, herbal smell emanating from its owners.

It's probably called "Equinox" or "Vibes" or something with a horribly unfunny pun on "zen" in the title. The sign over the door will say: "Now and Zen — purveyors of love beads, joss sticks, tarot cards and strange board games involving wizards that you can't really see the point of since 1988", and the window will be covered in friendly, hand-painted pictures of rainbows and dolphins and Volkswagen Caravanettes.

On entering the shop, two things will happen. 1. You will be deafened. This is because freak shops have very low-tech security systems, which consist of windchimes and strings of bells pinned to the back of the door. Not only are these very loud, but they are also particularly tuneless. I wouldn't *mind* if they were all in the same key. 2. You will knock something over. This is because freak shops are very, very small. We're talking an average of six feet by six feet. A freak supermarket would be a shower cubicle.

So, pushing our trolley round Now and Zen, what sparkly bargains catch our eye this week?

Item 1: Little brown boxes with totally unopenable lids. This is supposedly for keeping your dope in — however, as you can never be totally sure if you're holding the box the right way up, or if you're pulling the right hinge, the bloody thing stays shut for all eternity. You could use the unopenable box as a pedestal for displaying favoured ornaments, or keeping doors open. Just carry on keeping your dope in a sock behind the radiator.

Item 2: Some candles. Warped, strangely coloured candles, dotted all over with knobbly bits and holed like Swiss cheese. Unlit, these look vaguely mystic and cool. Lit, they are almost limitlessly dangerous — what are they made of? What is that strange smell? Why has your budgerigar started making little choking sounds and hit the floor of his cage saying "Oh wow"?

Item 3: Carved objects. Carved objects are as old as time, and still a bad idea. There's an unfortunate preponderance of these things in freak shops, I'm afraid — and nearly all of them are supplied by "the Craftsmen of the Wolde" — an industry consisting of three men and a blunt breadknife. I like to think, hacking away at deformed lumps of wood and turning them into objects of uselessness to be treasured for never. To you and me, the amount of effort put into turning half an inch of stick into a carved frog would be negligible — 20 minutes, half an hour tops. I'd say — *and* you could be watching TV while you're doing it, so it's not as if it counts or anything. But the Craftsmen of the Wolde spend so much time creating these gorgeous things that they think charging £25 per figure is reasonable. I have pleasure in disabusing them of this notion every week.

Freak shops sell things you would never find anywhere else — mainly because it wouldn't occur to you to look for them. The following are not Useful Things. OK? Love potions — in all likelihood made from distilled grass-clippings and tea. Skulls with candles in — tacky *and* dangerous. "Meditation" cassettes, entitled *Appalachian Goat Music* and *The Sound of the Whales*. These are supposed to relax you, but what they actually do is wind you up — you keep waiting for the chorus, and, of course, there is no chorus. Apparently, having some kind of decent tune would be bad for our psyches.

And what is all this with singing whales anyway? Who wrote "Born to Be Wild", eh? Who wrote "Anarchy In The UK"? Not a *whale*, it was *humans*, *humans* on *dry land*, where we can plug in electric guitars and sing without gargling.

Finally, who goes to freak shops? Well, students, students and students. You go into higher education to learn, I guess. And one of the first things you learn is: "I do not need a Craftsmen of the Wolde carved frog."

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Non-essentials: the goods in freak shops do not belong on the list of Useful Things

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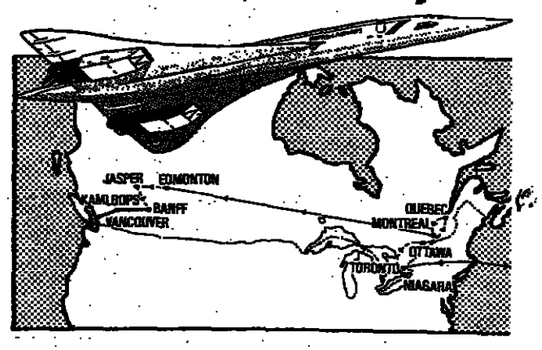

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